BASIC MODIFICATION OF THE BC-457, BC-458 or BC-459 AS A VFO FOR MODEL 10 OR 20 MULTIPHASE EXCITER FOR 12 VOLT OPERATION

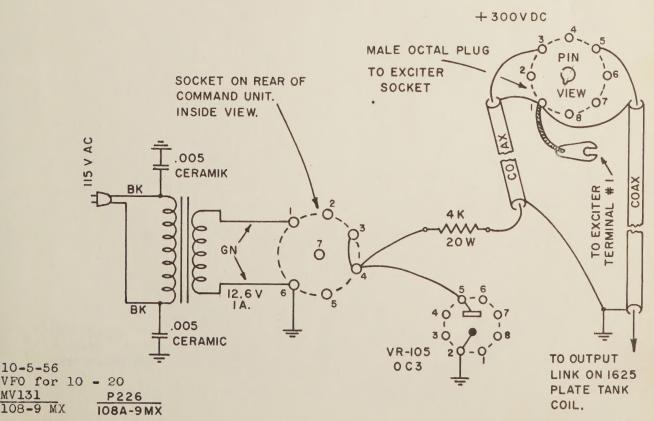
The contacts on the keying relay (beneath the chassis) should be closed by using jumpers or soldering the contacts together. This applies B plus to the oscillator and also grounds the cathode circuit on the 1625 stage. Remove the 1629 eye tube and also the 1625 located near the tuning shaft. Jumpers should be installed across the filament terminals of these unused sockets. Only one 1625 is necessary for proper operation.

The antenna loading coil and antenna relay are not necessary and can be removed. The coax cable to the Exciter can be attached directly to the output link of the 1625 final tank coil.

Plate voltage for the VFO is supplied from the Exciter through an octal socket on the rear.

The electrical connections for the external wiring are shown below.

Advance the antenna coupling adjustment on the VFO to the point where additional coupling will not increase the Exciter output. Over injection to the mixer will generate harmonics of the VFO frequency that can appear in the output as spurious radiation.



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BC 458 VFO CHANGE NOTICE

There have been several cases where oscillation or regeneration has been experienced with the 10A, 10B and 20A Exciters on the higher frequency bands. It has been determined that the coaxial cables to the 458 VFO can pick up radiated RF due to inadequate shielding. The use of Amphenol #21204 Triaxial cable effectively reduces the tendency towards oscillation and regeneration. These cables should be connected as shown on drawing #2208.

Each BC-458 Kit now contains the following cable:

18" - RC58A/U for coax "F" (from oscillator stator to band switch)

9' - #21-204 for coax "A" and "B" (RF and B plus)

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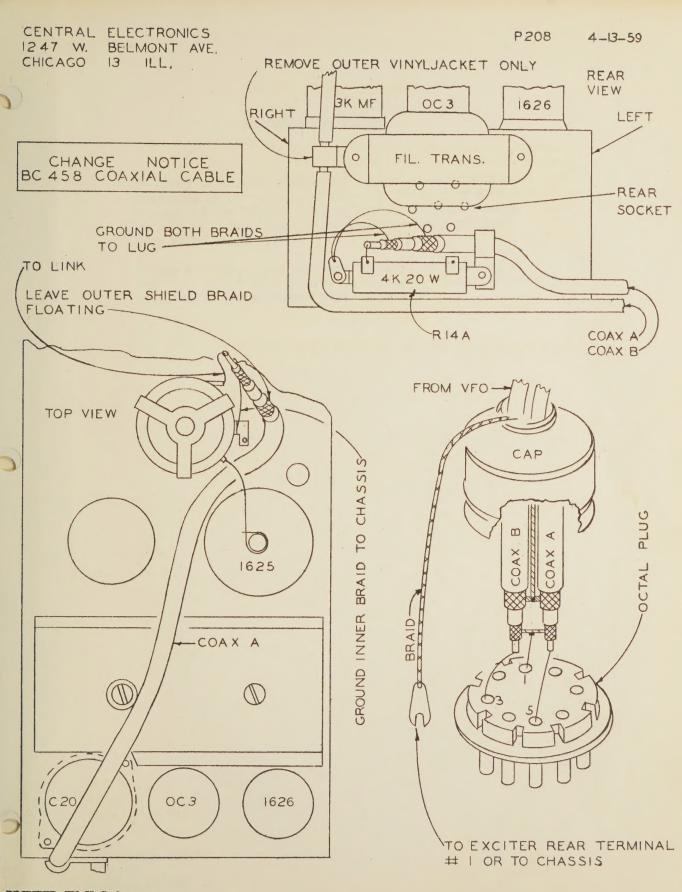
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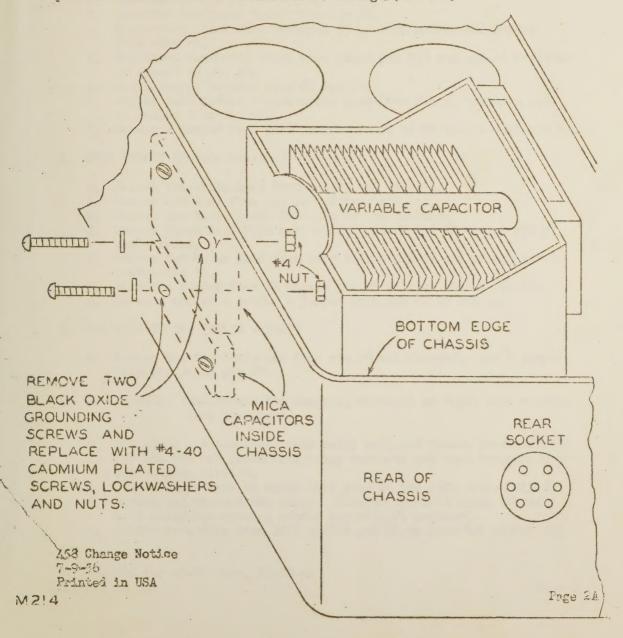
In order to provide sufficient output when the 1625 is operating as a frequency tripler to 16 mc. (for 40 meter operation) the Voltage Regulator tube has been changed to a VRIO5. The dropping resistor for the Regulator Tube is now 4000 chas.

If the 1625 grid bias resistor (located on terminals 6 and 7 on the VR tube socket) is increased to 100,000 ohms, additional reserve output will be obtained.

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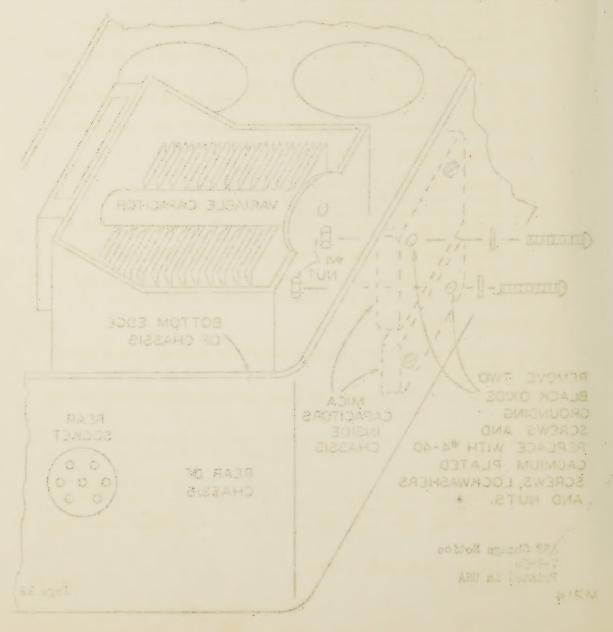
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Place a lockwasher under head of screw; push through hole in side of chassis and capacitor. A #4 nut is used to held lug and capacitor to inside of chassis. If your 458 is painted black wrinkle, it is advisable to scratch paint from around the two holes before adding #4 screws.



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DETAILED CONVERSION INSTRUCTIONS

FOR

BC-457. BC-458. BC-459 WITH 12 VOLT OPERATION

This modification procedure allows the installation of a VR105 into the socket originally intended for the crystal calibrator and mounts the filement transformer and dropping resistor on the rear of the chassis.

NOTE: Socket connections read clockwise from underneath chassis. Pin #7 on power socket (rear) is the center pin.

1. CRYSTAL SOCKET (Center octal socket rear of chassis)

- a. Remove resistor between pin #3 and #8 discard.
- b. Remove black lead from pin #3 and take out of circuit.
- c. Unsolder end of resister from pin #5.
- d. Unsolder two black leads from pin #5.
- e. Disconnect black wire from pin #5 on rear socket and remove from circuit.
- f. Reconnect remaining black wire (from pin #5) and end of resistor (c above) to pin #6.
- g. Add a jumper between pins #1 and #2.
- h. At the 1626 socket remove red lead from pin #4 and tape end, or remove from circuit.
- i. Solder a jumper from 1626 socket pin #4 to VR tube socket pin #5.

2. REAR SOCKET (inside chassis)

- a. Remove the white lead from pin #1 and discard,
- b. Remove red lead from pin #4 and tape end.
- c. Remove two black leads from pin #2 and discard,
- d. Remove black lead from rear socket pin #6 and VR socket pin #7 and discard.
- e. Remove Red-White lead from rear socket pin #7 and attach to VR socket pin #5.
- f. Solder a jumper from VR socket pin #5 to rear socket pin #4.
- g. On rear socket solder a jumper from pin #3 to pin #4.

3. EXE TUBE SOCKET (VT138 - 1629)

- a. Remove the two resistors from pin #8 and discard. Add a jumper from pin #2 to pin #7.
- 4. AT THE RELAY (underneath the chassis, centered on right side viewing from the front)
 - a. Cut black and tan leads from relay coil and remove from circuit.
 - b. Cut the two red leads from relay contacts and tape separately or remove from circuit.
 - c. Sut the bare wire at relay that goes to the 1625 socket pin #6.
 - d. Remove and discard the relay. Enlarge the hole which formerly held relay and mount a solder lug with #6 hardware.
 - e. Solder bare wire from 1625 socket pin #6 to grounded solder lug.

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5. 1625

a. Add a jumper from pin #1 to pin #7 on the 1625 socket next to the tuning shaft.

6. FILAMENT TRANSFORMER 12 volts - 1 amp

- a. Mount on 1/2" spacers slightly above (horizontally) rear socket with secondary (green) leads down. Place two solder lugs under screw heads inside chassis.
- b. Trim secondary leads to proper length and solder into rear socket pins #1 and #6 (from outside)
- c. Duill hole for 3/8" grommet slightly below and to left of rear socket (viewed from rear).
- d. Solder filament transformer primary leads to rear socket pins #2 and #5 outside of chassis.
- e. Solder a .005 ceramic by-pass condenser from pin #2 on rear socket to ground lug.
- f. Solder a .005 ceramic by-pass condenser from pin #5 on rear socket to ground lug.
- g. Insert proper length of primary A.C. cord through grommet hole, tie a knot and solder leads to pins #2 and #5 of rear socket.

VR TUBE DROPPING RESISTOR 4000 ohm 20 watts

- a. Mount a 4000 ohm 20 watt resistor on the back of the chassis slightly below and to the left of rear socket. (Resistor is mounted outside chassis for heat radiation.)
- b. From outside chassis, solder a jumper from rear socket pin #4 to lew potential end of 4000 ohm 20 watt resistor.
- c. Plate voltage is supplied from the Exciter through an octal plug and cable, as shown on Page 2. Inner conductor is soldered to one lug of 4000 ohm 20 watt resistor.

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ADAPTING THE BC-458 FOR 20 AND 80 METER OPERATION

The BC-458 (5.3 to 7 mc.) is recommended as a VFO rather than the BC-457 (4 to 5.3 mc.) for greater stability.

ADJUSTING THE FREQUENCY RANGE

After completing the proper modifications, plug the VFO into the socket on the rear of the Exciter. Remove the oscillator section shield can. Set the single plate adjustment trimmer to mid-capacity. Now loosen the two bristol set strews on the oscillator padding capacitor. It will be necessary to increase the capacity until the oscillator is at 5 mc. with the dial set at 5.3 mc. after the shield can is replaced. The iron core slug will change the frequency several hundred kilocycles and the capacity should be increased in small steps until 5 megacycles is reached. By drilling a 3/8" hole approximately 3/4" below the present one, the adjustment can be made with the shield can in place. If your receiver does not tune to 5 mc., use the Exciter tuned to 4 mc. with some carrier inserted. After the correct setting has been determined, be sure to tighten the set screws.

The amplifier air padder located beneath the chassis must be tuned to the new oscillator frequency. Adjust for maximum VR tube brilliance, or for maximum Exciter output with the VFO coupling set to about 4.

BANDSPREAD MULTIBAND OFERATION OF THE BC-458

By the addition of a bandswitch, three miniductors and a 50 uufd, variable capacitor, operation in the 160, 80, 40, 20 and 15 meter bands is possible. CW operation from 21,000 to 21,200 is not recommended with this conversion, but satisfactory performance is obtained in the rest of the 21 mc. band.

It is suggested that whenever the 1625 stage is used as a frequency multiplier, the filament of the oscillator tube be operated on direct current to minimize hum. One method of obtaining this DC is to use a 12 yolt filament transformer for the unit, with a full wave bridge rectifier and a filter capacitor of at least 1000 mfd.

Bandspread is accomplished by carefully removing the rotor plates from both the oscillator and amplifier variable tuning capacitors. Those plates farthest from the worm gear drive should be removed so that only 8 rotors remain in use in each tuning capacitor. With the capacitors open, gently rock the plates, one at a time, with a long nose pliers until they become loose. If too much force is used, the rotor shaft may become dislodged and you will then very likely spend the rest of the day and evening recovering the small ball bearings and trying to figure out a method of reassembling everything. Care should also be taken not to exert any pressure on the stator sections as this can cause the glass insulating beads to fall out.

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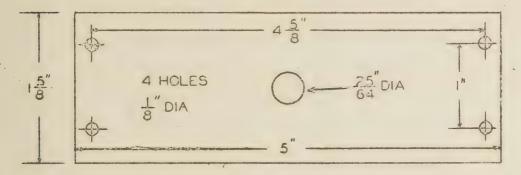
The 50 mmfd. variable capacitor should be mounted in the hole occupied by the antenna binding post. File two notches in the edges of the hole to accept the mounting screws.

For 40 meter operation a coil consisting of 3-1/4 turns of #3014 B & W Miniductor (8 turns per inch) is shunted across the amplifier plate inductor so that it will triple into the range of 16 to 16.3 mc.

For 160 meters a coil consisting of 6-1/2 turns of #3015 B & W Miniductor (16 turns per inch) is used to double to 10,800 to 11,000 kc. Five turns are used for 15 meters which requires 12,250 to 12,450 kc.

The antenna loading coil assembly should be removed and a metal plate installed in the window.

Suggested plate dimensions:



The entire unit should rest on a sponge rubber pad or soft rubber feet.

ALIGNMENT PROCEDURE

Set receiver and exciter to 21,450 kc. Advance the CARRIER knob. With the VFO switch in the 21 mc. position and the dial at 7.0 mc., adjust the oscillator air padder (inside the can) for zero beat. This will occur with a little more than half capacity and the slot in the shaft will be slightly beyond the horizontal position, at an angle about 8:30 to 2:30.

With the receiver and exciter tened to 4.0 mc., set the VFO bandwritch to 80 meters and dial to 5.3 mc. Tune the 50 mmfd. AFC capacitor for zero beat. Zero beat should occur with the plates of this capacitor about 95% meshed. If zero beat occurs at less than 95% capacity you have selected the wrong signal at 21,450 kc. Peak amplifier air padding capacitor (under the chassis) for maximum VR tube brilliance or maximum exciter output with the VFO loading set at 4.

Now return to the 21 mc. band. Slowly replace the large shield cover on the BC-458 and observe the effect upon the output of the exciter. Replacing this cover reduces the inductance of the coils and increases the

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resonant frequency. When the cover is off, the coil should have slightly more inductance than necessary. The inductance may be adjusted by breaking the polystyrene strip so that the last half turn can be varied to trim the inductor to the required value. This effect must also be checked on 40 and 160 meters.

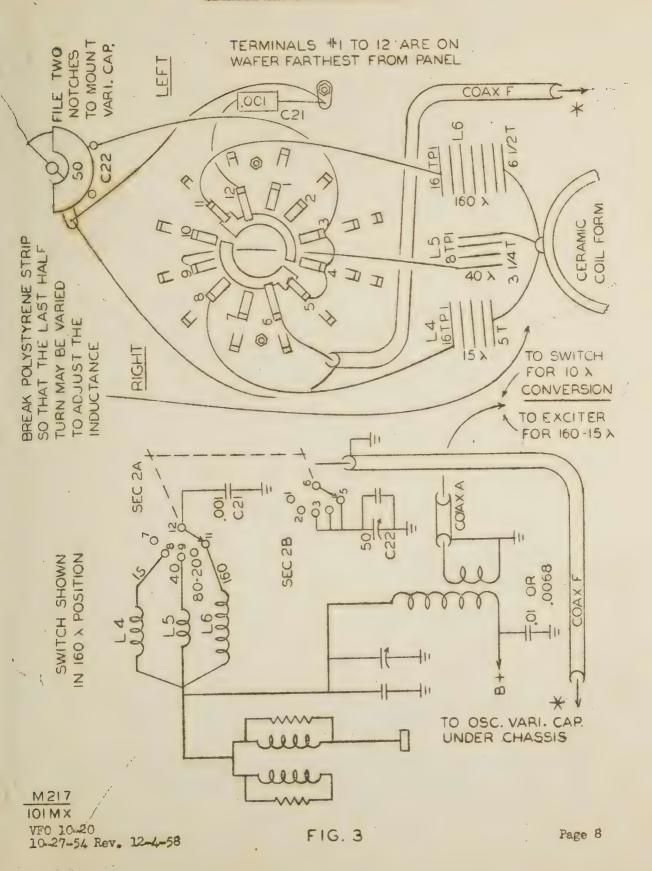
CALIBRATION CHART FOR BANDSPREAD VFO

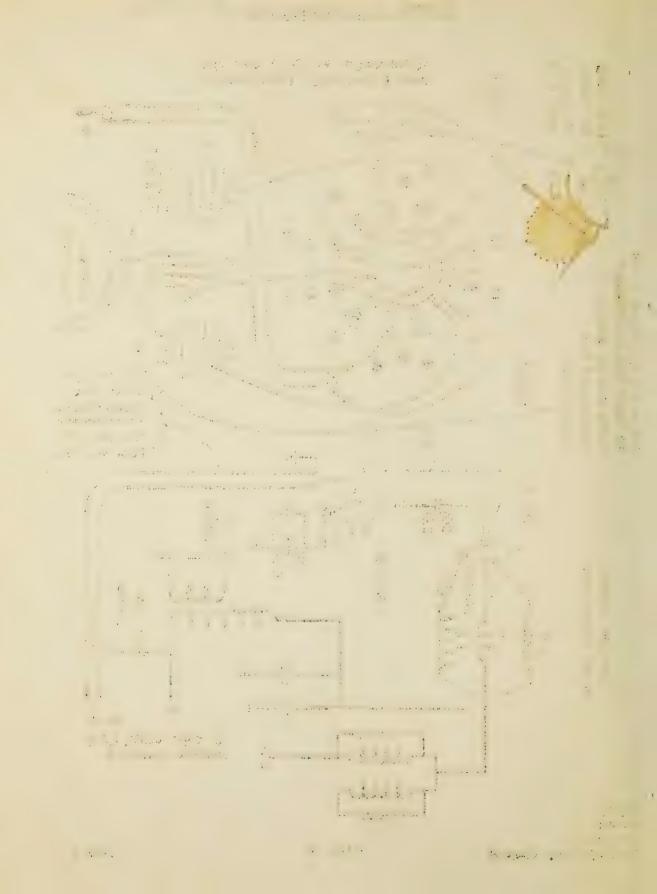
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*1	- Galibrated dial scale	\$2,00	
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	• Full wave bridge selenium rectifier 600 ma		
	- Rectifier mounting bracket		
	- 3000 mfd. 12V filter capacitor and mounting plate		
	- Bandswitch, 4 pole 5 pos. and SPST, ceramic		
	- Bandswitch mounting plate		
	- Miniductors cut to size		
	- 20 watt 4000 ohm resistor with mounting brackets		
	- Octal male plug and cap		
	- 50 mmfd. ver. capacitor, APC		
	- Capacitor, ceramic 10 mmfd, pos. 100 (White, Black,		
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- 1 Bristo Wrench 4 - Rubber Feet
- 4 #6 sheet metal screws for rubber feet

2 - .005 mfd. ceramic capacitors

1. - .001 mfd. mica capacitor (10% tan)

1 - .006 or .0068 mica capacitor, tan. (For Navy T21/ARC5 only)

- 1 Knob for bandswitch
- 2 Transformer mounting spacers 7/16" long
- 1 Line cord
- 2 3/8" grommets
- 3 Cable clamps
- 6 4-40 serews, 4 nuts, 2 lockwashers
- 1 #4 soldering lug
- 9 #6 shakeproof ground lugs
- 2 3/8-32 nuts
- 1 = 3/8" lockwasher
- 3 6/32-1" screws 5 - 6/32-5/16" screws
- 8 = 6/32 nuts
- 9 #6 leckwashers 12" white wire 56" yellow wire

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48" lacing cord

458CP: An attractive gray wrinkle cabinet for the BC-458, 52" wide, 8-3/4" high and 13" deep with silk screened front panel and all holes drilled; matches Models 10 and 20 Multiphase Exciters.

Identical in size with the Sideband Slicer. Price \$13.75

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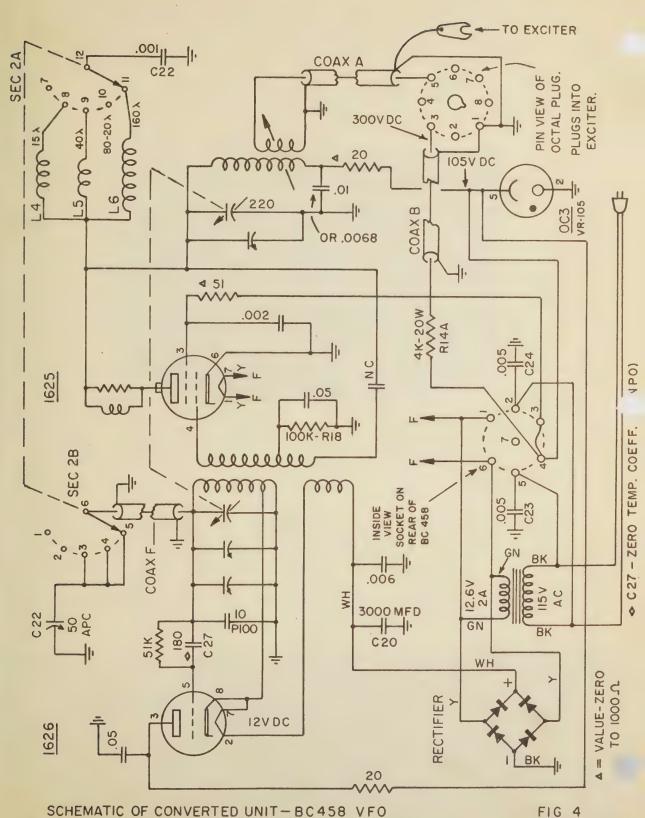
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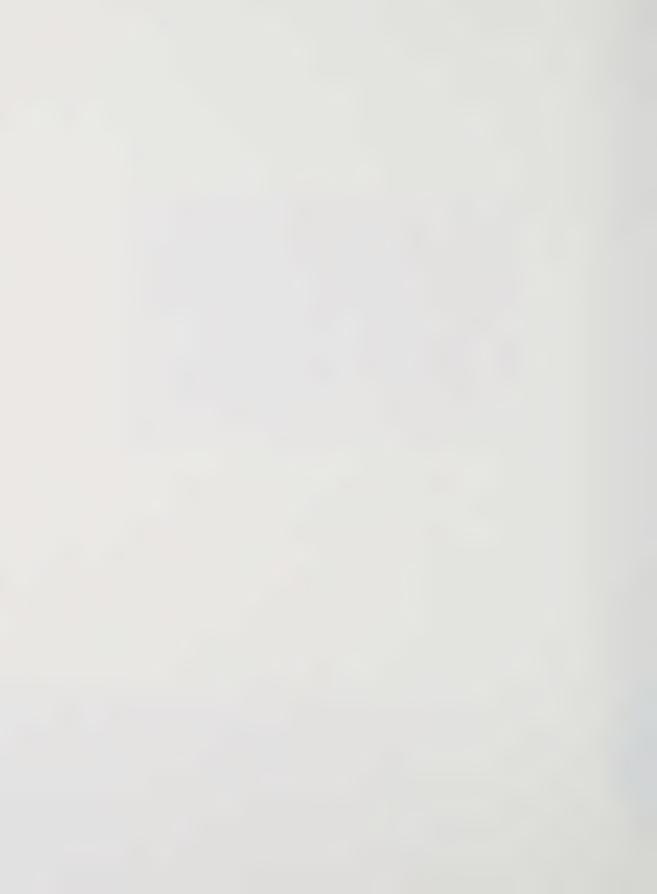
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CONDENSED OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS FOR MULTIPHASE EXCITER MODEL 20A

Connect an antenna or a linear amplifier to the 52 ohm RF output. Set bandswitch to the band desired and the VFO-Xtal switch to the proper position. Turn CARRIER knob fully clockwise. Turn OFERATION selector to MANUAL and tune the MIXER and AMPLIFIER for maximum output as shown on the RF INDICATOR, an oscilloscope or an antenna meter.

TO OFERATE SINGLE SIDEBAND

Set the MODULATION selector to one of the sideband positions (SBL or SB2). Turn the OFERATION selector to MANUAL. With the CARRIER knob set at "O" adjust the CARRIER NULL controls A and B for minimum RF indication with the INDICATOR switch in CARRIER NULL position. Now return the INDICATOR switch to SET MAX LEVEL. Adjust the SPEECH LEVEL control between 9 and 12 o'clock, depending upon microphone gain. Talk into the microphone and you're on SSB;

When the converted BC-458 is used as a VFO, the following sideband relation-ship occurs:

160 Meters SB1 Upper SB2 Lower 80 Meters (*SB1-Lover SB2 Upper 3990** 40 Meters (SB1) Upper *SB2 Lower 7205** 20 Meters SB1 Lower *SB2 Upper 14290** 15 Meters SB1 Lower *SB2 Upper 21440**

When 40 meter crystals or injection are used for 160 meter operation, SB2 will be the upper sideband and SB1 the lower.

TO OPERATE AM

Place the MODULATION selector in the AM position. Leave the CARRIER NULL knobs in the balanced-out condition. Advance the CARRIER knob until maximum cutput is obtained. Then reduce the CARRIER level to one half of the maximum value on the scope or to one half the maximum antenna current. Adjust the SPEECH IEVEL until the modulation peaks just reach the maximum output value on the scope. Too little or too much carrier will make the AM transmission sound distorted.

TO OPERATE PM (Narrow band phase modulation)

Turn the MODULATION selector to PM position. Leave the CARRIER NULL knobs on the balanced-out condition. Advance the CARRIER knob to nearly full output. Adjust the SPEECH IEVEL control so that the modulation peaks do not exceed the carrier.

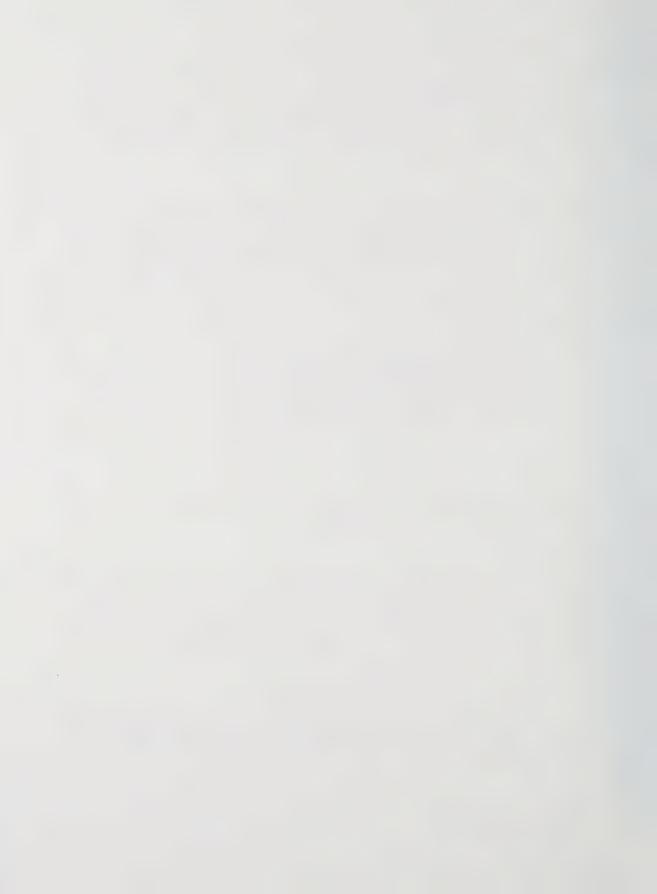
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¹⁰ Meters *SB1 Upper SB2 Lower 28650**

* Denotes sideband most commonly used

^{**} Denotes frequency most commonly used



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TO OPERATE CW

Turn the MODULATION selector to CW. Place the OFERATION selector on MANUAL' Advance the CARRIER control to nearly full output. Plug key into jack on front panel.

TO USE THE VOICE CONTROL CIRCUIT (VOX)

Connect the receiver speaker to the Exciter, as shown in the circuit diagram. The resistor across 1 and 2 on the resr terminal strip should be about two to three times the speaker voice coil impedance and rated at twice the power output. The extra contacts on 8, 9 and 10 may be used to operate an antenna relay, additional receiver silencing circuits, etc. With the OPERATION selector in VOX positions talk into the misrophone and adjust the VOX sensitivity control on the rear of the chassis for proper operation.

CALIBRATION LEVEL CONTROL

When the OPERATION selector is in the CALIBRATE position, the CAL IEVEL control will very the output of the Exciter for frequency "spotting."

INDICATOR SWITCH

In the CARRIER NULL position, the speech circuit is disabled and the RF INDICATOR operates at maximum sensitivity. The CARRIER control should always be at "O" while balancing out the carrier with GARRIER NULL knobs A and B. In the SET MAX IEVEL position, the RF INDICATOR sensitivity can be adjusted by the IND IEVEL control.

RF INDICATOR

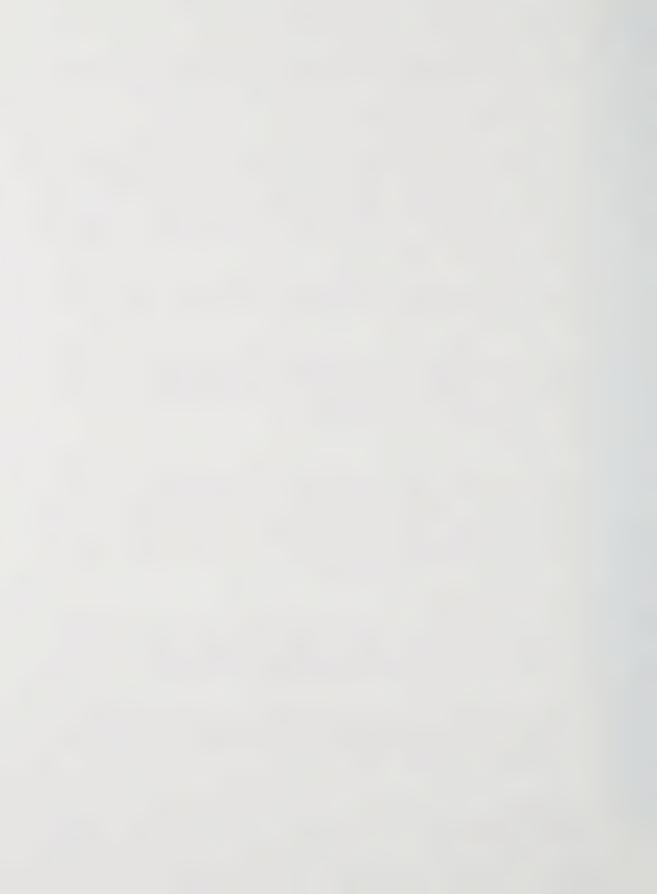
The 6E5 RF INDIGATOR shows the peak RF voltage output of the Exciter. It can be used for peaking the Mixer and Amplifier tuning controls and also to determine the proper speech level while operating SSB. To determine the maximum undistorted SSB output of the Exciter or linear amplifier, advance the CARRIER control until no further increase in output is observed. Now set the IND IEVEL control to just close the eye. Return the CARRIER CONTROL to "O" and adjust the SPEECH IEVEL until the voice peaks reach about 80% of the full carrier value.

EXTERNAL BLOCKING BIAS

In the standby position, -100 volts DC appears at terminal 7 on the rear terminal strip. If a bias supply is used for a linear amplifier the positive should be returned to this terminal of the Exciter. All positive components in the bias supply must be "floating" from ground and connected only to the positive lead.

When zero bias tubes are used, the emplifier grid return lead should be by-passed and then connected to terminal 7. A secure ground connection should be made between the Exciter, linear amplifier, linear amplifier power supply and the bias supply.

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EXTERNAL BLCCKING BIAS (Cont'd)

If an antenna relay with auxiliary contacts is used, these auxiliary "make" contacts can be used to key the blocking bias by connecting them to #5 and #7 on the rear terminal strip. Proper keying sequence is required so that the antenna circuit makes before the blocking bias is removed. Refer to Rear Connections Diagram, M200.

When the auxiliary contacts on an antenna relay are not used to key the transmitter, the jumper should remain between terminals 6 and 7 on the strip.

RESISTIVE LOADING OR "SWAMPING"

When driving a linear amplifier, some resistive loading should be used at the Exciter or at the amplifier gold circuit. Non-inductive resistors should be used and may be connected to the two screw terminal cutput strip on the rear chassis. The amount of resistive loading required will depend upon the type of tubes used in the amplifier. Pentages, tetrodes and zero blas triodes require only a small amount, while medium and low mu tubes will require heavier spamping for low distortion.

If the Exciter is lightly leaded, there is a possibility of the system going into self-oscillation. Resistive loading is not necessary when the Exciter is coupled to a constant load, such as a 50 to 70 ohm antenna.

MATCHING THE GRID CIRCUIT OF A LINEAR AMPLIFIER STAGE

In order to obtain a maximum transfer of RF from the Exciter to grid circuit of a linear amplifier stage, it is often necessary to tune the reactance out of the link on the grid coil. This is especially true when Miltiband tuners are used. A suitable unit for this purpose is a two gang, or three gang, midget type of broadcast capacitor, about 400 mmfd. per section, with all the stators connected in parallel. This should be connected to series tune the PA grid link coil and can usually be inserted right at the PA coaxial cable connector. It is sometimes beneficial to experiment with the number of turns on the grid coil link to obtain maximum grid current.

Tuning the reactance out of the plate coil link in the Linear Amplifier in the same manner will assist in obtaining the heavy loading required for this type of service.

SUGGESTED LINEAR AMPLIFIERS

The 20A will drive tetrode and pentode tubes such as a pair of 813s, 4-125As, 4-250As, 4X250As and 4-400As to a kilowatt. Triodes such as 811As may be driven to about 400 watts up to 20 meters and 304TLs in class ABl to about a kilowatt on 80 and 40 meters.

GROUNDED GRID LINEAR AMPLIFTERS

Grounded grid amplifiers require about five times as much driving power as the same tubes operating in conventional grid-driven circuits. The 20A will

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GROUNDED GRID LINEAR AMPLIFIERS (Cont'd)

drive grounded grid amplifiers, such as four high mu triode connected 837s, modified 1625s, or 6AG7s very well on the lower frequencies. For operation on the higher frequencies, or when high mu triode connected 813s, 803s or 703As are used, an additional driver stage is required.



PRELIMINARY ALIGNMENT INSTRUCTIONS

THE FOLLOWING IS RECOMMENDED FOR UNITS CONSTRUCTED FROM KITS

Check for "B" shorts with an ohmmeter before power is applied.

Before plate voltage is applied, the 6AG7 grid bias should be checked. This should be done by removing the 5U4G rectifier tube. With the relay in the nermal position, the reading at Pin #4 of the 6AG7 should be minus 100V DC plus or minus 10% measured with a VTVM. When the relay is operated by hand, there should be approximately minus 11V DC at this point. After the 5U4G is inserted, the operating bias should be minus 10.5V DC obtained from the voltage divider R47 and R48.

Insert the 5U4G rectifier and apply power, Check "B" voltages in accordance with the chart on the circuit diagram, with the OPERATION switch on MANUAL.

Preliminary rough alignment of the slug tuned coils: If a grid dipper is available the coils should be aligned to the frequencies indicated on the Alignment Data Chart (Fig. B). If no dipper is available they should be set as follows BEFORE POWER IS APPLIED:

No. 1 Red 1/2"

No. 2 Green 1/8"

No. 3 White 1/4" to 3/8"

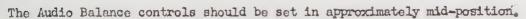
No. 4 Black 3/8"

No. 5 Blue 3/8"

No. 6 Orange 1/2"

No. 7 Yellow 1/2"

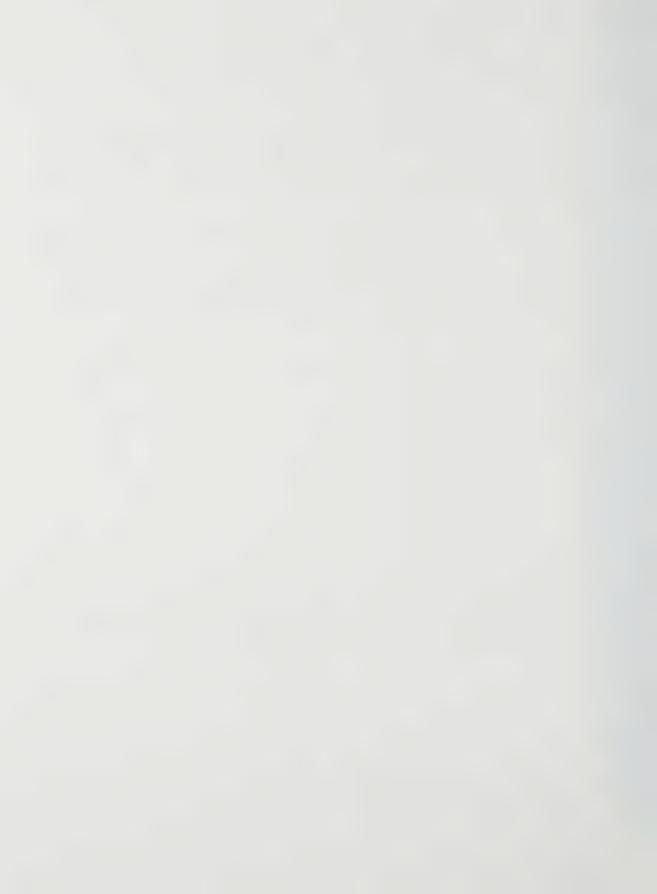
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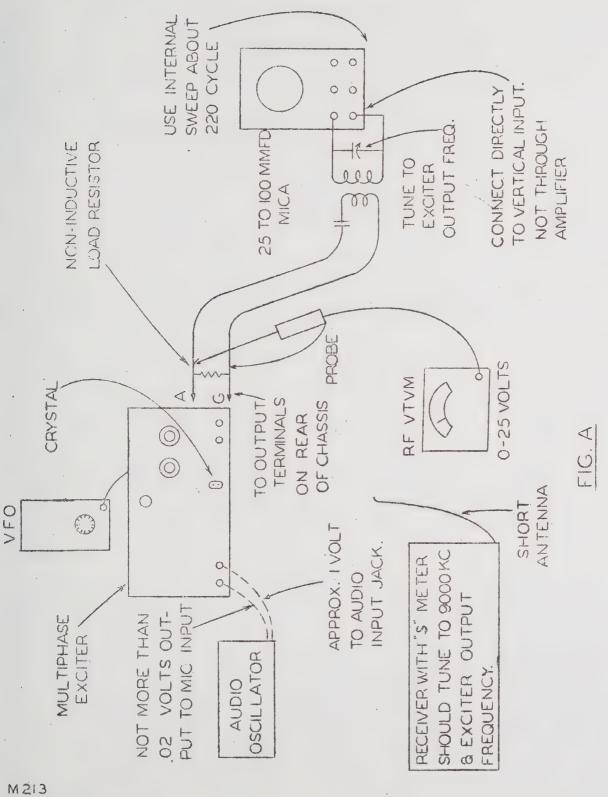


During alignment, a slight amount of tension should be kept on the adjusting screws by proper adjustment of the locking nut to prevent erratic operation. After alignment, be sure to tighten the nuts, taking care not to upset the adjustment, especially on the Green coil, I2.

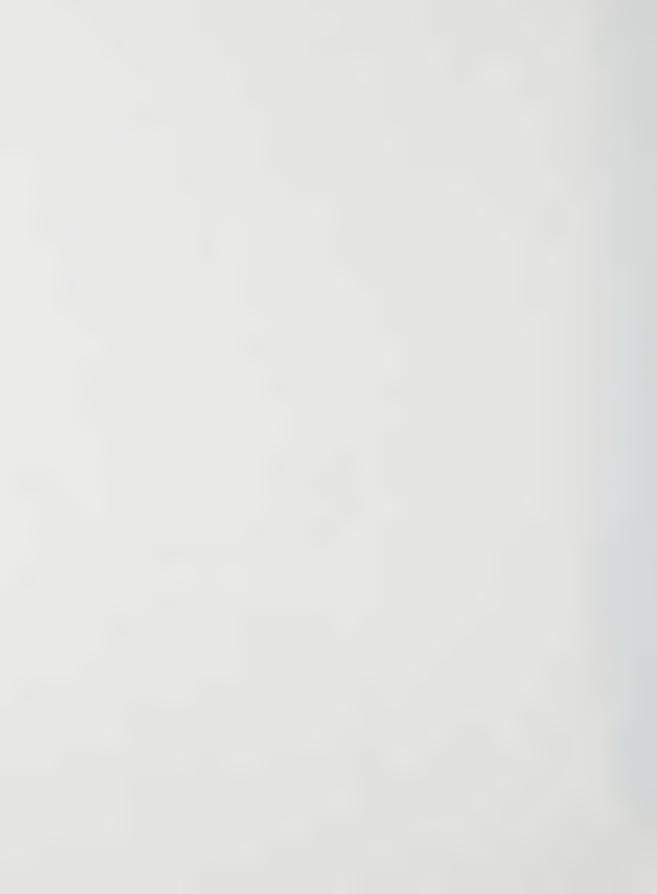
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20A GENERAL ALIGNMENT PROCEDURE

SEE CHART FOR ALIGNMENT LOCATIONS

The front panel controls should be set as follows:

OFERATION SWITCH, in MANUAL SPEECH LEVEL, completely counter-clockwise MCDULATION SWITCH, Sideband 1 CARRIER NULL A, middle position CARRIER NULL B, middle position CARRIER, completely counter-clockwise VFO-XTAL SWITCH, in correct position INDICATOR SWITCH, on SET MAX LEVEL INDICATOR LEVEL, completely clockwise BANDSWITCH, to proper band TUNING CONTROLS, to output frequency

Refer to Fig. A. Connect a non-inductive load resistor of about 50 ohms, 20 watts to the Exciter output terminals. This recistive load may consist of one or two watt composition resistors in parallel or series-parallel to provide the proper resistance and dissipation.

Connect an oscilloscope, lightly coupled, to the RF output.

If available, an RF vacuum tube voltmeter with a 25 to 50 volt RMS range can be used to measure the RF output.

CAUTION: Never remove the 9000 kc. crystal from the socket while the 6U8 tube is operating. This may damage the tube.

Tune Ll and I2 for maximum RF voltage measured between the arm of Null Pot B and ground. An RF VTVM is required. Measure the RF voltage at the arms of Null Pots A and B. Adjust spacing between Ll and I2 to obtain equal voltage. As spacing is varied it will be necessary to repeak Ll and I2 for maximum. Normal voltage is between 5 and 6 volts peak. Multiply by .707 for RMS reading.

Advance the CARRIER control to about 7.

At this time it should be possible to hear a signal on the output frequency with the receiver operating near full sensitivity (AVC on) provided the VFO or frequency conversion crystal is operating. The receiver should be coupled lightly to the Exciter RF output terminal. Refer to Fig. B. Adjust L3, L4. L5 and the FILXER AND AMPLIFIER tuning capacitors for maximum output. As maximum output is reached, it will become necessary to reduce the carrier output by adjusting CARRIER pot and also reduce the sensitivity of the RF INDICATOR by turning the IND, LEVEL control counter-clockwise to prevent the eye from over-lapping. Next, insert small amount of CARRIER and peak L3 through L5 again. Now turn CARRIER control off (counter-clockwise) and adjust both CARRIER NULL controls for minimum output. Minimum output will not necessarily occur at the center of the rotation due to stray capacities, etc. Loosen knobs and reset to reference marks with carrier nulled out.

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ADJUSTMENT OF 15 MC TRAP L6 (CRANGE)

When operating on the 20 meter band, this trap circuit will reduce radiation of the third harmonic generated in the mixer by the heterodyning crystal or VFO operating in the vicinity of 5 MC. With the bandswitch set to 20 meters, the SPEEGH LEVEL turned off, carrier balanced out or 9 MC master oscillator tube removed, and the OPERATION switch in the MANUAL position, RF output will be found when the Mixer and Amplifier tuning controls are resenated at approximately 15 MC. Adjust slug in trap 16 for minimum 15 MC. output.

ADJUSTMENT OF L7 (YELLOW) TRAP

This trap is tuned to 13 MC or 15 MC, depending upon the age of the unit and whether medification "C" has been made. Medification "C" adds a 180 ohm resistor, bypassed with a .005 capacitor, to the cathode of the 6BA7 Mixer. The Yellow trap coil is removed to the Mixer plate circuit and is tuned to 13 MC. For details refer to Change Notice #M170. If the change has been made, adjust L7 to 13 MC by any one of the three following methods:

- 1. Use a grid dipper,
- 2. If no dipper is available, a 6.5 MC crystal can be used in the socket on the front panel, with the VFO-XTAL switch in the XTAL position. With the bandswitch in the 20 meter position, OPERATION switch in MANUAL, carrier balanced out (or 9 MC master oscillator tube removed) and the TÜNING controls peaked for maximum 13 MC output, L7 should be adjusted for minimum 13 MC signal.
- 3. The receiver S meter can also be used as an indicator. It should be tuned to the 13 MC signal, or to 26 MC for Collins receivers. With this method the 9 MC master oscillator tube must be operating with full carrier insertion and 5 MC injection from a crystal or VFO.

The VFO output should be advanced to the point where additional coupling will not increase the exciter output. Over-injection to the Mixer can cause unnecessary spurious radiation.

ADJUSTMENT OF 5 MC TRAP, L8

Blue coil near the right edge of the chassis. Set the bandswitch to 80 meters. With either a 5 MC crystal plugged into the socket on the front panel or 5 MC VFO insertion, adjust the Mixer and Amplifier tuning controls for maximum 5 MC output. This will occur slightly lower in frequency than the 7 MC dial-calibration. Adjust L8 for minimum output.

ADJUSTMENT OF C81, C82, C83, C84

These four trimmers appear on a strip at the right of the bandswitching assembly, just below the 12BH7 tube. They tune the cathode coils on 10, 15, 20 and 40 meters, respectively. The 10 meter trimmer is the one closest to the chassis; the second one is 15 meters. etc. They should be peaked for maximum output in the center of their band with a small amount of CARRIER inserted.

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SIDEBAND SUPPRESSION ADJUSTMENT

Before proceeding with the single sideband adjustments, it is recommended that the operator familiarize himself with the illustrations of the oscilloscope patterns shown in this manual. The ultimate objective in the single sideband alignment is to obtain a pattern containing a minimum amount of ripple when a pure sine wave is applied to the microphone input. These adjustments should preferably be made at less than full output, to prevent amplifier overloading, which might "wipe off" the small modulation ripple.

A low distortion audio oscillator (less than 1%) set to approx. 1,225 cycles, with an output level between ,005 and .02 volts should be connected to the microphene jack. CAUTION; If a voltage in excess of .02 is applied to the mic input the speech amplifier will overload and it vill be impossible to adjust the Excitor properly. It will be impossible to make the sideband adjustments if the audio oscillator has more than 1% distortion.

Adjust both CARRIER NULL pots for minimum carrier output. Advance the SPEECH LEVEL central until about half of maximum output is obtained on the oscillocope. At this point a fair amount of ripple will be observed on the output wave. Adjust the Audio Balance controls for minimum ripple. Now switch from sideband 1 to sideband 2 and observe the ripple in each. If the amount of ripple is not equal, vary the adjustment slightly on L2 until the displays are identical in either sideband position. However, each time I2 is tuned it will be necessary to rebalance both carrier null controls for minimum. It will also be necessary to readjust the Audio Balance controls again. In most cases this procedure must be repeated until good suppression is obtained.

After the alignment has been completed, an analysis of the emitted wave may be made if the receiver has a sharp crystal filter and a calibrated "S" meter. The following illustration is an example of the "S" meter levels as the receiver dial is tuned through the signal with a 1225 cycle tone input to the Exciter.

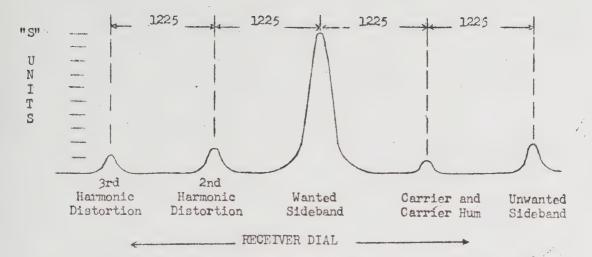
In order to obtain proper sideband suppression, the RF voltages at the arms of the CARRIER NULL pots must be essentially equal when the carrier is balanced out. With tone input, the audio voltages at the by-passed ends of the Red and Green links must be approximately equal with the Modulation switch in one of the SB positions.

Poor sideband suppression may be caused by:

Defective 12AT7 modulator tube.
Defective phase shift network.
Open or partially shorted 27AO-79 modulation transformer.
Secondary of audio driver transformer 27AM-24 shorted to ground, master crystal oscillating on two adjacent frequencies simultaneously.
12 seriously misaligned, defective coil or capacitor. Check with a dipper for resonance.

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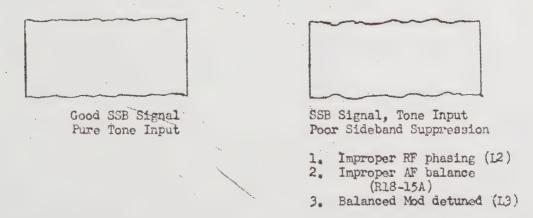




It is possible to obtain an almost ripple-free pattern in one sideband at the expense of degradation of the other. Under this condition the suppression of the better sideband will be about 45 db., while the other is only 35 db. down. The object is to have them both equal, approximately 40 db. down.

If a deep modulation ripple is noticed on both sideband positions (with carrier balanced out), one side of the audio phase shift circuit is probably operating improperly. Check the Audio Balance controls adjustment, the 12AT7 (B) modulator tube, sideband switching circuit, or the phase shift network.

After the alignment has been completed, be sure to tighten the #6 lock-nuts on the iron core slugs.

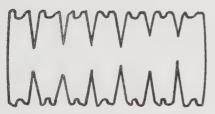


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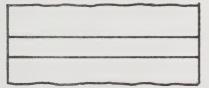




SSB SIGNAL, TONE INPUT
WITH PROPER CARRIER INSERTED
100% MODULATED



SSB SIGNAL, TONE INPUT INSUFFICIENT 9000 kc. XTAL OSCILIATOR OUTPUT



GOOD SSB SIGNAL, TONE INPUT WITH LARGE PERCENT OF SPURIOUS RF RADIATION

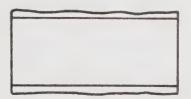


DOUBLE SIDEBAND WITH CARRIER EXCESSIVE TONE MODULATION WITH AUDIO PEAKS SQUARING OFF

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SSB SIGNAL, TONE INPUT
AUDIO DISTORTION
EXCESSIVE AUDIO INPUT
EXCESSIVE DISTORTION IN
AUDIO OSCILLATOR



GOOD SSB SIGNAL, TONE INPUT WITH SMALL PER-CENT OF SPURIOUS RADIA-TION (RF)



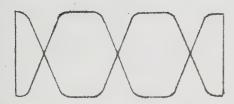
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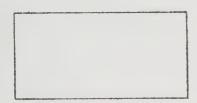




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1. EXCESSIVE AUDIO SIGNAL
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GOOD SSB SIGNAL VOICE INPUT

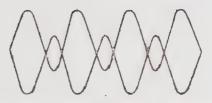


SSB SIGNAL, TONE INPUT
AMPLIFIER OVERLOADING DUE TO
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TWO TONE LINEARITY TEST OBTAINED WITH SINGLE TONE INPUT, WITH CARRIER BALANCED OUT ON AM

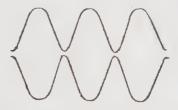
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DSRC DOUBLE SIDEBAND REDUCED CARRIER OBTAINED BY REDUCING CARRIER LEVEL AND INCREASING AUDIO INPUT LEVEL.



SSB SIGNAL, VOICE INPUT. SQUARING AUDIO PEAKS. EXCESSIVE SPEECH GAIN



DOUBLE SIDEBAND AM WITH CARRIER 100% MODULATED

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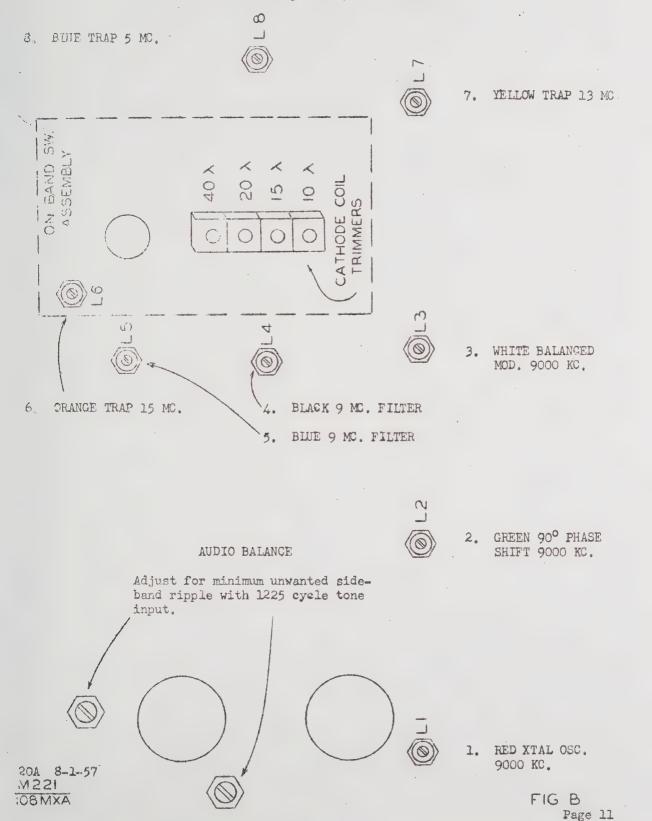
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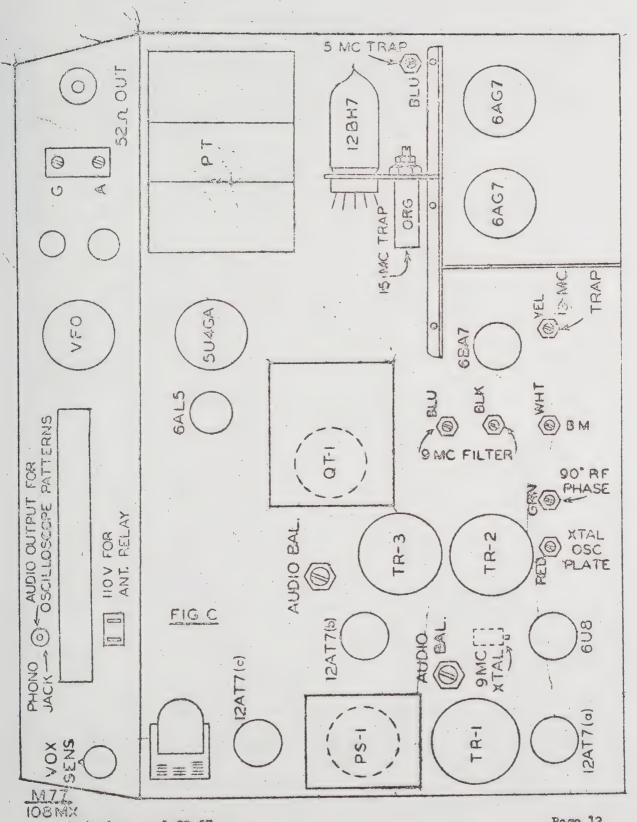
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FIGURE B LCCATION CHART ANGNMENT FOR MUTLIPHASE EXCITER MODEL 20A REFER TO PAGES 5 THRU 7 FOR PROCEDURE







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MULTIBAND OFERATION

The frequency conversion method used permits all band operation without affecting the single sideband adjustments. In the Multiphase Exciter a master 9000 KC crystal oscillator furnishes RF power to a pair of germanium diede balanced modulators, where the sidebands are produced. The modulator output is then applied to a low level mixer stage where it is heterodyned to the desired output frequency by a crystal or an external VTO. For example, a crystal, or a BC-457 (4 to 5.3 MC) or BC-458 (5.3 to 7 MC) command transmitter operating from a VR75, will provide output in the 20 to 75 meter phone bands.

A BC-A58 can be modified to provide band switched VFO injection for operation from 160 through 10 meters with excellent stability.

The VFO socket on the rear of the exciter furnishes plate voltage for this purpose.

Complete instructions are furnished for Command unit modifications.

Central Electronics has made available kits for the BC-458 which contain all the necessary conversion parts. The 458K covers 160 through 15 meters and the 458-10 is the ten meter conversion kit. Factory modified 458s are also available, 160 through 15 meters and 160 thru 10 meters.

The following chart indicates the injection frequencies required with the 9 mc. master oscillator

DUTPUT FREQUENCY	INJECTION FREQUENCY
1800 kc.	7200 kc,* or 10800 kc, 7000 kc,* or 11000 kc,
3500 kg.	5500 kc,* or 12500 kc,
3800 kg.	5200 kc,* or 12800 kc,
4000 kg.	5000 kc,* or 13000 kc,
7000 kc.	16000 kg, or 5333.3 kg, x 3
7200 kc.	16200 kg, or 5400 kg, x 3
7300 kc.	16300 kg, or 5433.3 kg, x 3
14000 kc.	5000 kc,* or 23000 kc,
14200 kc.	5200 kc,* or 23200 kc,
14300 kc.	5300 kc,* or 23300 kc,
21000 kc.	12000 kc.* or 30000 kc.
21450 kc.	12450 kc.* or 30450 kc.
28000 kc.	37000 ke.
28500 kc.	37500 ke.
29700 kc.	38700 ke.

^{*}Injection at these frequencies may be obtained from crystals plugged into the front panel socket.

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160 meter crystals or injection should not be used for 40 meter operation. For example, when using 1800 kc, injection (9000 - 1800 \pm 7200) the fourth hermonic of the injection frequency will also be present in the mixer output. This fourth harmonic (1800 \times 4 \pm 7200) will be further amplified by the 6AG7 stage and result in a strong spurious signal.

The same holds true if 19 MC injection is used for 28 MC operation. In this case the second harmonic is 38 MC and 38 - 9 = 29 MC. As a result there will be a spurious signal radiated which is about 30 db, below the desired one. Therefore only 37 MC should be used for 10 meter operation.

NOVICE OR C.W. OPERATION ONLY

Break-in GW may be used on the 160, 80, 40 and 20 meter bands with direct frequency crystals. Turn the Modulation selector to the GW position. Plug the crystals into the socket on the front panel and tune the Mixer and Amplifier to frequency.

THEORY OF OPERATION

Refer to the Block Diagram, Fig. Al.

SPEECH AMPLIFIER

Both sections of a 12AT7 tube are used as a speech preamplifier. A closed circuit jack is connected in series with the grid of the second stage for external AF input and may be used for a phone patch, audio oscillator input, etc. Maximum input to the jack should be less than 1.2 volts rms.

VOICE AMPLIFIER

An additional stage of amplification consisting of one section of a 12AT7 further amplifies the speech. The VCX SENSITIVITY control located on the rear of the chassis, controls the input to this stage and the sensitivity of the VCX system. A 470K resistor in series with the grid prevents any grid rectification from reflecting distortion back into the speech system.

VOICE RECTIFIER

One section of a 6AL5 rectifies the output of the voice amplifier, R4O and C4O determine the VOX time constant. The rectified voltage is positive at this point.

RELAY CONTROL

The other section of the 12AT7 Voice Amp tube is used to operate the VOX relay. The cathode resistor, R45, permits a residual current of about 2 ma, through the relay, which will attract at about 3-1/2 to 4 ma. Therefore any small positive voltage from the Voice rectifier will trip the relay. R40A, 1 megohm, prevents excessive positive grid current from damaging the tube.



RELAY CONTROL (Cont'd)

Section 2 of the Operation Selector switch connects the grid of the tube to the positive output of the Voice Rectifier for VOX operation, or to a voltage divider for MANUAL operation. The divider consists of R42 and R43, which is connected across the B plus 300 volts and ground. The divider furnishes about 30 volts positive (through a 1 meg. current limiting resistor) to the grid of the Relay Control Tube. When an open key is inserted in the KEY jack, 30 volts negative appears at the junction of R42 and R43. When the key is closed, the voltage at the junction returns to positive 30. The application of the negative voltage while the key is open provides faster relay release for high speed keying.

QT-1 CIRCUIT

The QT-1 is a plug in unit for use with Multiphase Exciters, to prevent operation of the voice control circuit by the loudspeaker. With this unit, the voltage appearing across the loudspeaker voice coil is amplified, rectified and applied in negative polarity to the grid of the relay control tube. The loudspeaker will develop two opposing voltages at the grid of the relay tube, a positive voltage from the microphone channel and a negative voltage from the speaker voice coil. When these two voltages are correctly proportioned, the loudspeaker will not trip the relay.

AF DRIVER

The triode section of a 6U8 and transformer TR-1 serves as a low impedance driver to the audio phase shift network. The input voltage divider to the PS-1 is about 400 ohms on one side and 1400 on the other. Therefore the voltage applied to one side is .285 of that applied to the other side, R15A, the Audio Balance potentiometer, permits exact balance of the input voltage.

AUDIO PHASE SHIFT NETWORK

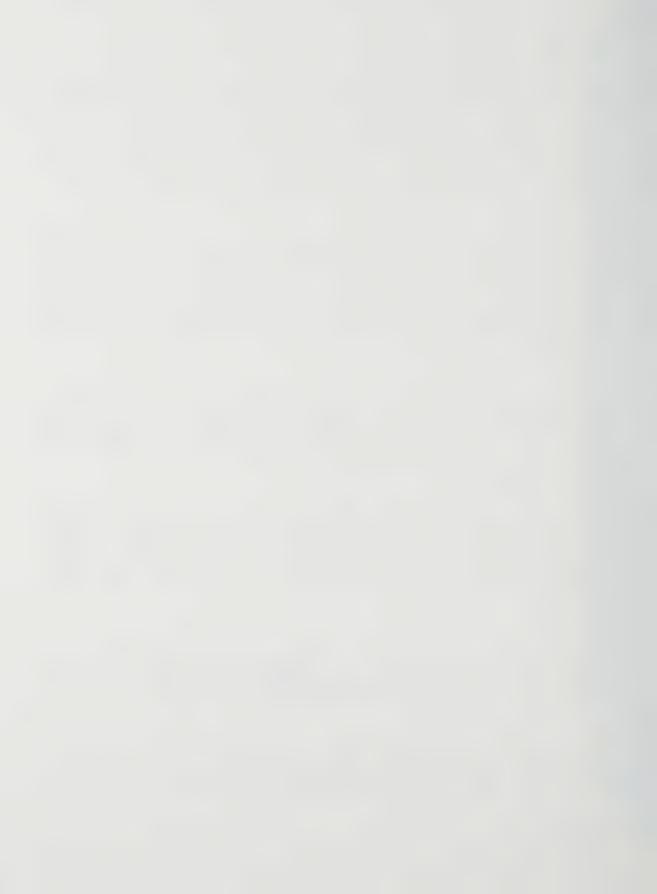
The PS-l is a precision 90 degree differential phase shift network consisting of two independent circuits. The output of each circuit is applied to the grid of a modulator tube. Phase shift between the two output terminals is 90 degrees plus or minus 1.3 degrees over the essential speech range. Although the input voltages to the PS-l are .285 to 1, the output voltages are equal. The trimmer capacitors are laboratory adjusted and readjustment should never be attempted in the field.

MODULATOR

Each section of the 12AT7 serves as an independent modulator, furnishing equal 90 degree displaced audio voltages at low impedance to the Balanced Modulator, through transformers TR-2 and TR-3. The cathode of one section of the tube has an adjustable resistor, R18, to obtain equal modulator outputs.

MODULATION SWITCH

In SBl position, both modulation transformers feed the balanced modulator. In SB2, the white and brown leads from the secondary of TR2 are reversed, which reverses the sideband. In AM, the secondary of TR-3 is opened to disable one



MODULATOR SWITCH (contid)

of the modulators and the "cold" end of the Green link is returned to ground through a 15 ohm resistor. This resistor is approximately the same resistance as the secondary of the transformer and is inserted to prevent unbalance of the modulator circuit. In PM, TR-3 is restored to the circuit, the secondary of TR-2 is opened and the "cold" end of the Red link is returned to ground through a 15 ohm resistor. In the CW position, the secondaries of both modulation transformers are opened and both links are returned to ground through 15 ohm resistors.

MASTER OSCILLATOR

The control grid and screen grid in the pentode section of the 6U8 are utilized as a crystal controlled Pierce oscillator, with the electron coupled plate circuit tuned to 9 mc. Inductive coupling between Ll and L2 provides the required 90 degrees RF phase shift.

BALANCED MODULATOR (Refer to Fig. A2)

Basically, the phasing method of single sideband generation consists of two independent audio frequency phase shift systems, two sources of RF shifted 90 degrees in phase and two balanced modulators. Each balanced modulator produces a double sideband signal, with the carrier cancelled out. When these modulator outputs are combined, single sideband will be produced, provided the phase shifts are proper and the voltages equal. In actual practice, only one RF source is required and one common tank circuit is used for the balanced modulators. Referring to the basic diagram, if the carrier is unbalanced the proper amount in Channel A and modulator B is disabled, normal AM will be produced. If the carrier in channel A is completely unbalanced and modulator A is disabled, modulator B will furnish RF sidebands displaced 90 degrees from the carrier, which combine with the carrier to produce phase modulation. Phase modulation generated by this method provides a modulation index of 1, which has the same bandwidth as amplitude modulation and is the maximum deviation permitted in the amateur bands below 29 mc.

9 MC. TUNED CIRCUITS

IA and L5 are critically coupled 9 mc. tuned circuits which prevent strong harmonics present in the balanced modulator from reaching the grid of the mixer tube.

MIXER

The 9 mc. signal is applied to the control grid of the 6US mixer and the external VFO is fed to the injection grid. For front panel crystal control, the VFO-XTAL switch changes the injection grid and screen grid to a Pierce oscillator circuit. The plate circuit of the Mixer stage is series fed and the plate voltage appears on these coils. The output is capacitively coupled to the cathode follower.



13 and 15 MC. TRAP COILS

Mixers, being non-linear devices, also generate strong harmonics. When operating on 20 meters it is necessary to trap out two undesirable components. The 5 mc. injection frequency will give output at 15 mc., while the second harmonic (18 mc.) of the generating system combines with the 5 mc. VFO to produce 13 mc. I6 and L7 are used to reduce the level of these components.

CATHODE FOLLOWER

On 160 and 80 meters, an RF choke is used in the 12BH7 cathode output circuit. On the higher frequency bands individual tuned circuits are required to furnish adequate driving power for the amplifier and further discriminate against undesirable products.

LINEAR AMPLIFIER

The grid of the parallel 64G7 linear amplifier is capacitively coupled to the cathode follower stage. Trap L8 is inserted in series with the grids to reduce the level of the 5 mc, injection frequency when operating at 4 mc. The plate circuit is shunt fed and the 50 ohm output taps are made directly to the coil on 160, 80 and 40 meters. A tapped inductively coupled link is used on the higher frequencies.

INDICATOR RECTIFIER

One section of the 12BH7 is coupled to the 50 ohm RF output to function as a rectifier to furnish the negative DC voltage to operate the 6E5 RF INDICATOR.

INDICATOR SWITCH

In the CARRIER NULL position, the full output of the Indicator Rectifier is applied to the 6E5 for maximum sensitivity and the speech carcuit is disabled to prevent room noise from operating the eye. In the SET MAX IEVEL position the RF INDICATOR sensitivity is adjustable by means of the INDICATOR IEVEL potentiometer.

CALIBRATION LEVEL

With the OFERATION switch in the CALIBRATE position, the bias on the Mixer and Amplifier grids is varied from normal to negative 40 volts for frequency spotting with the CALIEVEL potentiometer. In this switch position, negative 100 volts still remains on #7 on the rear terminal strip to keep the final amplifier biased to cut-off, to prevent excessive radiation.

KEYING CIRCUIT

In standby, negative 100 volts is applied to the grids of the Mirer and Amplifier stages. This voltage also appears at the rear strip, terminal #7, for block biasing any external linear amplifier. In transmit, this voltage is shorted to ground by the internal relay with the switch in the MANUAL or VOX position. There are two methods for "silent"CW operation, to avoid relay noise. With the



KEYING CIRCUIT (Contid)

OFERATION SWITCH in the STANDBY position, the key connected to 7 and 5 (ground), the blocking bias will be shorted out when the key is closed. The receiver will not be muted; a TR switch, separate receiving antenna or manually operated antenna switch must be used. If the key is placed in series with terminals 6 and 7, the relays will close in the MANUAL position and the key will short our the blocking bias. Normal VOX operation may be resumed by closing the switch on the key.

BIAS RECTIFIER

One section of a 6AL5 is used as a half wave rectifier to supply negative 100 volts for blocking bias and operating bias for the 6AG7s.

ACCESSORY POWER SOCKET

This is the cotal socket located on the rear of the chassis and furnishes 6.3 volts AC and 300 volts DC for VFO operation.

PHONE JACK

When the speaker is connected as shown in the diagrams, inserting the phone plug will disconnect the loudspeaker. The phones will be controlled by the VOX circuit.



MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE

CAUTIONII

ON FACTORY BUILT EXCITERS, DO NOT ADJUST THE SLUG TUNED COILS UNLESS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY, EXFERENCE HAS FROVEN THAT IMPROPER OPERATION DUE TO MISALIGNMENT IS VERY RARE. WHEN THE POWER IS ON, DO NOT REMOVE THE 9 MC. CRYSTAL WHILE THE 6US TUBE IS IN ITS SOCKET. LOSS OF RF EXCITATION WILL RESULT IN EXCESSIVE PLATE DISSIPATION AND POSSIBLE DAMAGE TO THE TUBE,

TUBE REPLACEMENT

Use only RCA type 6AG7. Other versions of this tube are unusually subject to interchestrode shorts. Avoid old war surplus 6AG7s; many of these will oscillate vigorously.

A blue have may be observed near the bottom of the envelope on most 6U8 tubes as operated in this equipment. This is normal and is due to electron bombardment of the glass. In gassy tubes the blue haze occurs between the tube elements.

Erratic operation of the voice control relay is usually due to a weak relay control tube 12AT7(C) or a tube with unusual characteristics.

Lack of sideband suppression may be due to a defective modulator tube 12AT7(B). Be sure that both filaments are lighted.

REPLACING SHORTED TUBES

Shorted tubes will often damage associated plate and cathode resistors even though the short has been of an intermittent nature. If abnormal or intermittent operation occurs after replacing a shorted tube, the resistors should be checked with an ohmmeter if possible, or observed visually for discoloration. In some instances it is possible to observe sparking in a severely damaged resistor under subdued light, or it may fall apart under slight pressure from an insulated tool.

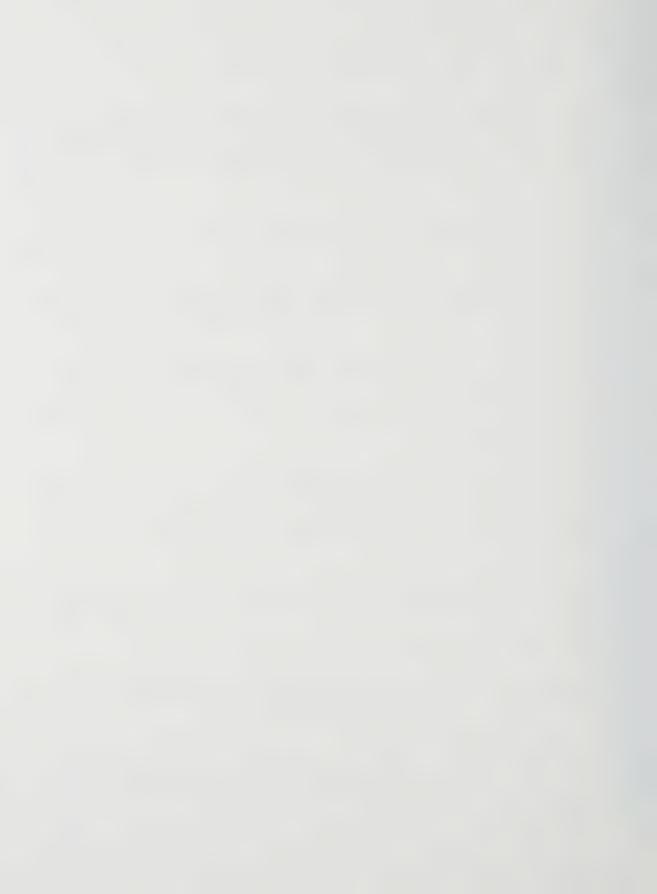
Whenever a shorted 6U8 is replaced, R2O and R2lA should be checked. Inadvertent shorts in the 6BA7 mixer plate or plate coil assembly will usually damage R67, located on a small terminal strip on the rear of the Mixer runing capacitor.

INTERMITTENT OR NO RF OUTPUT ON ONE OR MORE BANDS

The two rotor end plates of the Mixer and Amplifier tuning capacitors should be checked for shorts. When necessary, bend the end plates away from the stator slightly to provide sufficient clearance.

MODULATION ICH OR ABSENT

This is often caused by a defective microphone or broken leads at the microphone remnector. If another microphone is not available for test, press the



MODULATION LOW OR ABSENT (Contid)

male mike connector pin with your finger. On an exciter that is correctly tuned and otherwise operating properly, sufficient signal will be provided to make the eye overlap at full Speech and Indicator sensitivity.

VOICE CONTROL RELAY OPERATION

The relay is designed to attract at approximately 4 ma, and release at 2-1/2 to 3 ma. In cases where the relay lacks sensitivity, R45 should be decreased to 2500 ohms. If it does not release readily, R45 should be increased to 3000 ohms. Any departure from these values usually indicates shorted turns in the relay coil, or possibly high leakage or a short from the coil to the frame.

CALIBRATE SIGNAL WEAK

Under some circumstances, when a well shielded linear amplifier and a coaxial relay are used, the calibrate signal will be weak. It will be necessary to couple some of the exciter output into the receiver. Coaxial cable should be used and two insulated wires twisted together for about four inches will furnish sufficient coupling when connected at the exciter two lug terminal strip. A coaxial T connector should be used at the receiver.

CARRIER DOES NOT BALANCE OUT PROPERLY

When operating on the 3.9 mc. phone band, be sure that the pointers on the Mixer and Amplifier tuning controls are within about 1/8 inch of the panel marking. It is possible to "tune up" on the output of the 5 mc. crystal or VFO when the pointers are in the vicinity of 7.2 mc. The 5 mc. carrier cannot be cancelled with the carrier balance potentiometers and this effect is often mistaken for oscillation or lack of carrier balance. On 40 meters it is possible to tune to the 9 mc. generating system with the dial pointers at 14 mc. Reasonable care should be taken when tuning to make sure that the pointers are close to the desired operating frequency.

RFC-1 may be open. Remove the plug-in diode assembly. The resistance of the choke should be about 30 chms. If the choke is not open, the diodes should be checked with an ohmmeter. Each diode should be within about 10% of the average value in the forward direction. The back resistance should be at least 100 times as great and this ratio is unimportant.

SIDEBAND SUPPRESSION

In order to obtain good sideband suppression, the RF voltages applied to the balanced modulator must be within 10% of each other, when II and I2 are peaked. If the difference is greater it will be necessary to adjust the position of II until they are more equal. This may be measured conveniently at the arm of each carrier null pot, with the carrier balanced out and should be between 3.2V and 4.2V rms, or 4-1/2 to 6V Peak.

The audio voltages must also be equal and these appear at the red and green wires at the bottom of the Modulation switch. The Modulation switch must be in one of the sideband positions for this measurement, with an audio signal

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SIDEBAND SUPPRESSION (Con'd)

of 1225 cycles to the exciter input. A 1000 ohm per volt rectifier type AC meter is satisfactory for purposes of comparison. If the voltages cannot be balanced by means of the audio balance controls R15A and R18, one of the components on the side that has the lowest reading is usually at fault. This may be caused by a defective modulator tube, open or shorted turns on the modulation transformer, driver transformer secondary shorted to ground, open contact on Modulation switch, etc.

With the power turned off, the PS-1 can be checked while in its socket for trimmer shorts. NEVER attempt adjustment of the trimmer capacitors in the PS-1. The components used are extremely stable, are operated at very low voltage and will maintain their accuracy indefinitely.

Note that the input voltage divider to the PS-1 is about 400 ohms on one side and 1400 ohms on the other. Therefore the voltage applied to one side is .285 of that applied to the other side. The output voltages of the phase shift network are equal.

Common errors in units constructed from kits which cause poor sideband suppression are:

1. 400 and 1400 (or 1430) ohm resistors reversed.

2. PS-1 socket wired incorrectly. Remember this is a 9 pin socket.

3. Poorly soldered connection at the 2 lug terminal strip TQ, located under the chassis near the Modulation switch. This is at the junction of the two Green wires and the .001 capacitor.

SIDEBAND SUPPRESSION ALIGNMENT WITHOUT THE USE OF A SCOPE

In an emergency, it is possible to adjust the sideband suppression using an audio oscillator and a receiver.

The receiving antenna should be removed, the BFO turned OFF and the AVC ON. Tune in the signal on the receiver.

Remember that with sine wave audio input, a pure SSB signal has NO modulation and resembles a CW carrier. With the Modulation switch in one of the SB positions, adjust audio balance pots R15A and R18, L2 and the Carrier Balance controls for MINIMUM modulation in the receiver. Minimum modulation corresponds with maximum sideband suppression. It will not be possible to eliminate the modulation entirely due to distortion in the audio oscillator, the speech amplifier and the limitations of sideband suppression. An audio oscillator with less than 1% distortion must be used and the audio input to the exciter should be sufficiently low to prevent overloading of the speech amplifier.

HUM AND CARRIER DRIFT

Lightly loaded RF amplifier stages have excessive voltage gain and tend to be highly regenerative. When two or more linear amplifiers follow the exciter, it often happens that there is an excess of driving power available

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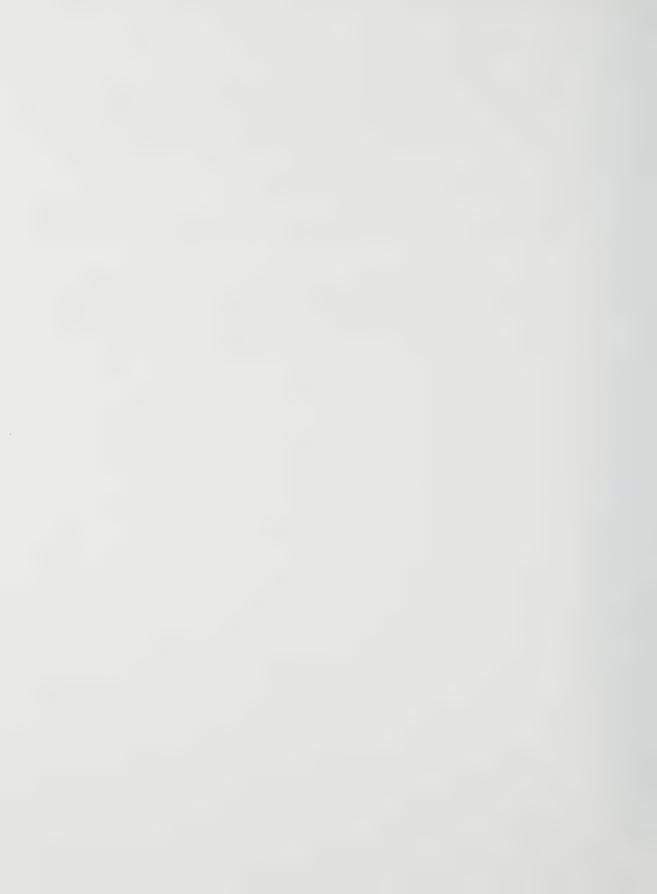
for the final amplifier. When this occurs, the speech gain control must be turned down low and there will be excessive carrier, carrier drift and him. The solution for this condition is to adequately swamp the output of the Exciter and first amplifier, to provide a relatively constant load. The hum and noise in the Exciter are normally at least 60 db, down from full output.

UNSTABLE CARRIER OR CARRIER NULL POIENTIOMETERS

These may be cleaned by applying carbon tetrachloride with an eye dropper into the gap directly under the terminals and rotating the knob vigorously.

SIREBAND REVERSED

If the sideband relationships listed on Page 1 of the Operating Instructions is reversed in units constructed from kits, or when a transformer is replaced, the brown and white modulation transformer leads are improperly coded. To reverse the sidebands, the secondary leads (brown and white) of either modulation transformer should be reversed.



PARASITIC OSCILLATION

Nover install antennas, open wire feeders or antenna tuners in close proximity to the VFO, Exciter, or external Exciter wiring. Keep radiated RF from entering the AC power lines. If a separate receiving antenna is used, it should be located as far away as possible from the transmitting antenna, and run at right angles to it.

If the De Luxe Case and Panel are used on a BC-458 VFO, be sure to scrape the paint underneath the nuts on the rear of the cabinet to insure good contact between the case and the chassis. When operating in strong RF fields it may be necessary to add a short heavy jumper from the front of the VFO panel to the front panel of the Exciter. The AC cord from the VFO should be plugged into the same AC outlet as the Exciter to reduce the possibility of large RF pickup loops. On VFOs that have had considerable handling, be sure that the ground connection is intact at the octal male plug that goes to the Exciter. If this connection is broken, severe oscillation will occur.

It is important that the two springs which are attached to the perforated metal cover on top of the 6AG7 coil compartment make good contact with the front panel.

REDUCING PARASITIC OSCILLATION IN LINEAR AMPLIFIERS

Amplifier stages that follow the Exciter must have adequate grid swamping resistance, especially if more than one stage is used.

The amplifier should use a two watt carbon resistor about 50 ohms, connected right at the grid terminal of the tubo, in series with the grid lead. The use of series grid resistors raises the drive requirement, especially at the higher frequencies, so the resistance should be kept as low as possible consistent with reliable operation. A plate parasitic suppressor consisting of a few turns of wire on a similar resistor is often required for stability. High power amplifiers may require a series or parallel arrangement of grid resistors to obtain the required dissipation and the plate suppressor should be similar to the Ohmite type P-300. With push-pull or parallel operation, individual suppressors should be used for each tube.

The use of a small series grid resistor has eliminated oscillation even in grounded grid circuits.

Provisions for neutralization should be made when operating tetrodes or pentodes on the higher frequency bands.

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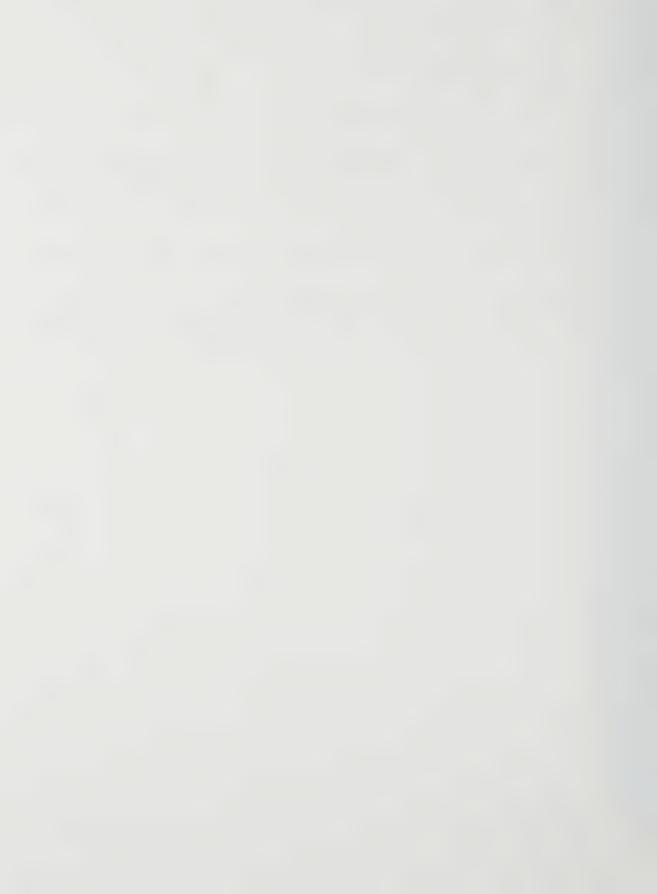
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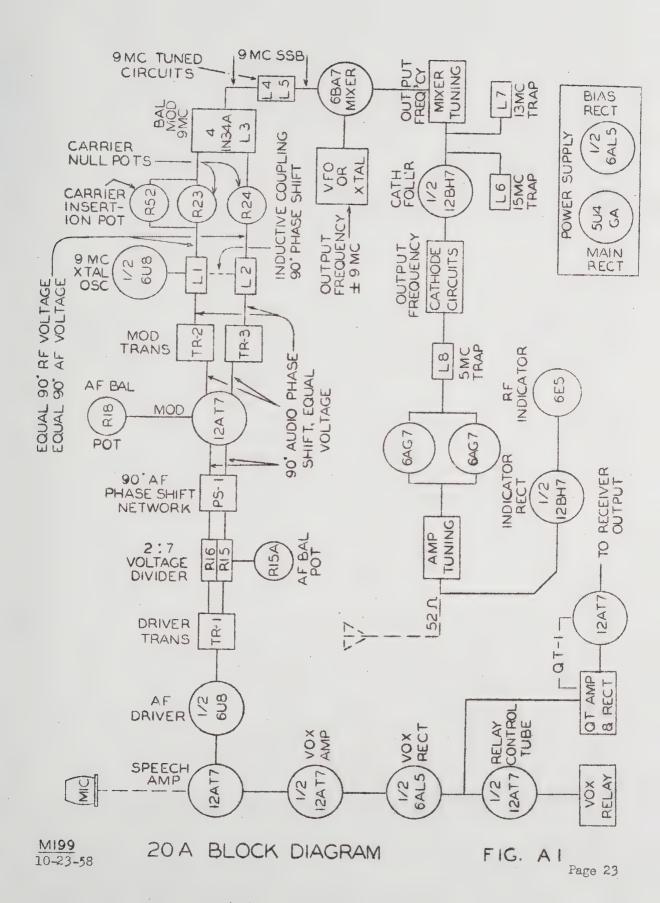
Whenever the equipment is operated in TV fringe areas, it may be necessary to use a low pass filter.

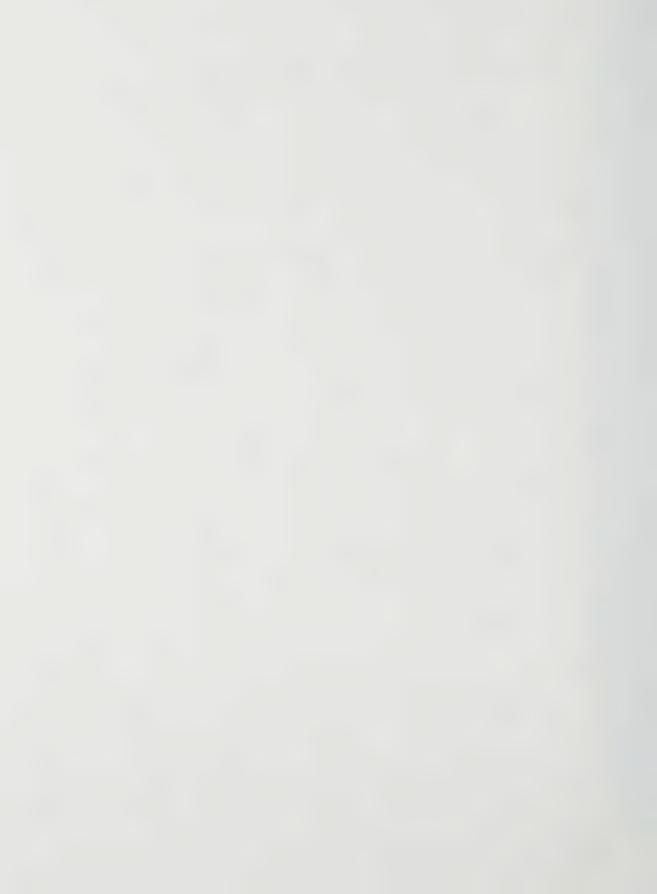
It is very important that the Exciter and final amplifier are not driven to the "flattening" point, at which the harmonic cutput increases considerably, and is almost certain to create TVI. Keep the Speech Level control down to the point where only occasional voice peaks reach maximum amplitude, as observed on an oscilloscope.

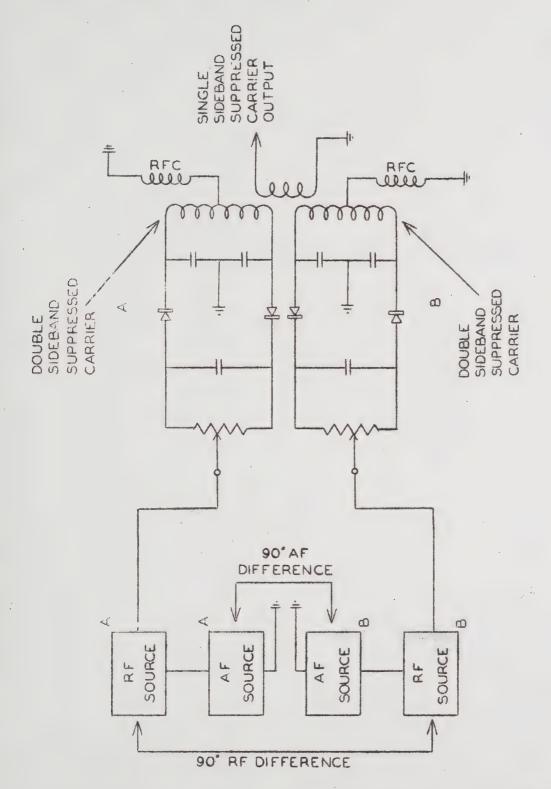
Interference may be generated by an antenna relay in which the antenna contacts are arcing due to improper timing sequence of the auxiliary contacts.

Many TR switches, antenna impedance matching or power indicating meters which rectify radio frequency energy intentionally or unintentionally will often increase the harmonic output, and should be followed by a low pass filter.









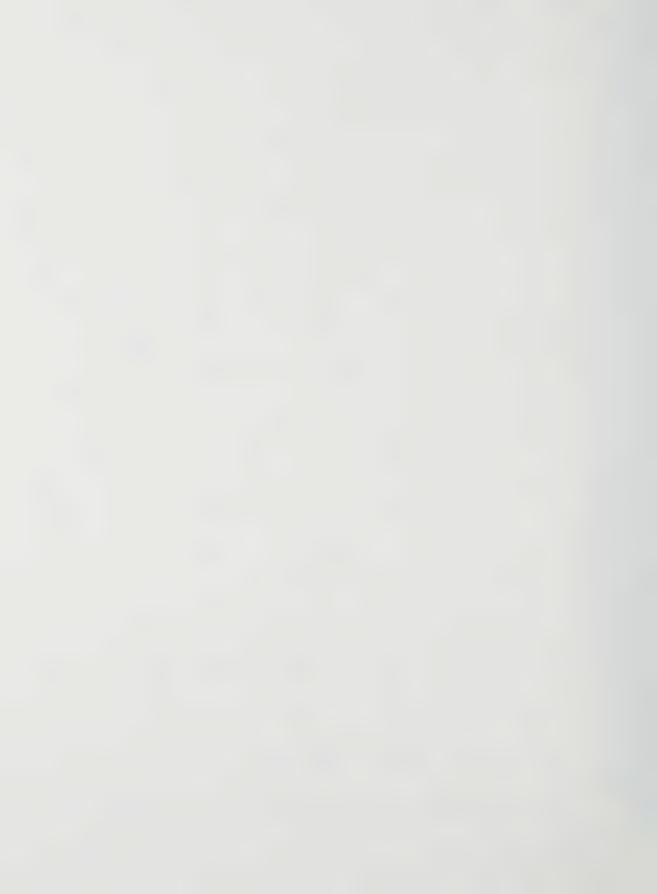
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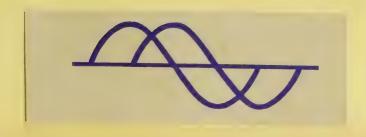
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MULTIPHASE EXCITER MODEL 10 A

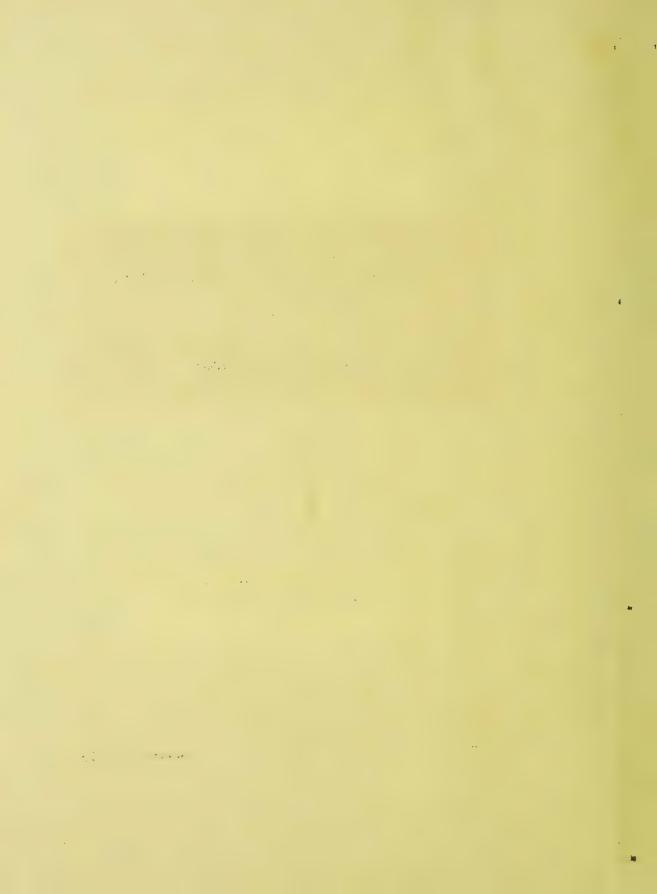
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CONDENSED OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS FOR MULTIPHASE EXCITER MODEL 10A

Insert proper pair of plug in coils for band desired. Set VFO-XTAL switch to proper position. Turn RED AM carrier knob fully clockwise. Turn OPER-ATION selector to manual and tune MIXER and AMPLIFIER for maximum output as indicated on a scope, receiver "S" meter or antenna meter. Connect antenna or linear amplifier to the 52 ohm RF output screw terminals. The bottom terminal is ground.

TO OPERATE SINGLE SIDEBAND

Set the MODULATION selector to one of the sideband positions (SB1 or SB2). Turn the OPERATION selector to manual. Adjust the CARRIER knobs (AM and PM) for minimum output as indicated on an oscilloscope or receiver "S" meter. Adjust the SPEECH IEVEL control. (Between 10 and 12 o'clock depending upon microphone gain.) Talk into the microphone and your on SSB :

TO OPERATE AM

Place the MODULATION selector in the AM position. Leave the PM CARRIER knob in the balanced-out condition. Adjust the red AM CARRIER knob until maximum carrier cutput is reached. Then reduce the AM CARRIER level to one half of the maximum value on the scope or to one half the maximum antenna current. Adjust the SPEECH LEVEL until modulation peaks just reach the maximum output value. Too little or too much carrier will make the AM transmission sound distorted.

TO OPERATE PM (Narrow band phase modulation)

Turn modulation selector to PM position. Leave the AM CARRIER knob in the balanced-out condition. Adjust the black PM CARRIER knob to nearly full output. Adjust the SPEECH LEVEL control so that the modulation peaks do not exceed the carrier.

TO OPERATE CW

Turn the SPEECH LEVEL off. Place the OPERATION selector on manual. Turn the AM CARRIER to nearly maximum output. Plug key in jack on rear of chassis.

TO USE THE VOICE CONTROL CIRCUIT (VOX)

Connect the receiver speaker to the exciter as shown in the circuit diagram. The resistor across 1 and 2 on the rear terminal strip should be about three times the speaker voice coil impedance and rated at twice the power output. The extra contacts on 8, 9 and 10 may be used to operate an antenna relay, receiver silencing circuits, etc. With the OPERATION selector in VOX position talk into the microphone and adjust the VOX sensitivity control on the rear for proper operation.

Multiphase Exciter Model 10A

2/2/53 Mod.

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10A CENERAL ALIGNMENT PROCEDURE

The front panel controls should be set as follows:

SPEECH LEVEL, completely counterclockwise.
MODULATION switch, Sideband 1.
AM CARRIER, Mid position.
PM CARRIER, completely clockwise.
VFO -- XTAL switch, in correct position.
OPERATION switch, MANUAL

Plug in the proper MIXER and AMPLIFIER coils, and adjust the tuning controls to the desired output frequency.

Refer to Fig. A. Connect a non-inductive load resistor of about 50 ohms, 10 watts, to the exciter RF output terminals. This resistor may consist of several one or two watt composition resistors in parallel to provide the required resistance and dissipation. For example, ten one-watt 500 ohm or five 250 ohm two-watt resistors may be used.

Connect an oscilloscope, lightly coupled, to the RF output.

If available, an RF vacuum tube voltmeter having a 25 volt range should be connected to the RF output.

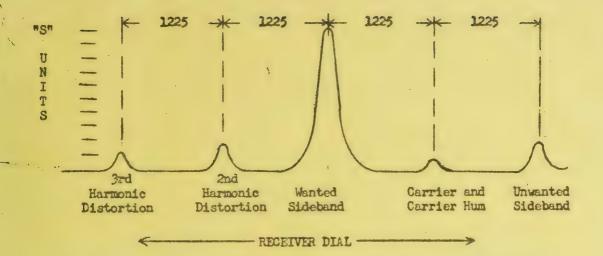
Tune the crystal oscillator tank circuit until the signal is heard in a receiver tuned to 9000 kc. If a receiver or grid dipper is not available a DC voltmeter connected to the cathode, Pin #8, of the 12BH7 oscillator tube will serve as an indicator. When the xtal is not oscillating the reading will be about 10 V DC. When the stage is oscillating and Ll is tuned for maximum the reading will be approx. 20 V DC. Turn the power switch on and off several times to make certain the crystal oscillates reliably. If necessary readjust Ll for proper operation.

At this point it should be possible to hear a signal on the output frequency with the receiver operating near full sensitivity (AVC on) provided that the VFO or frequency conversion crystal is operating. The receiver antenna should be lightly coupled to the exciter output terminals. Refer to Fig. B. Adjust L2. L3, L4, L5 and the MIXER and AMPLIFIER tuning condensers for maximum output. As maximum output is reached, it may be necessary to reduce the carrier by adjusting the PM carrier control to provide slightly less output. This will prevent overloading the 6AG7 amplifier. Now adjust both carrier controls for minimum carrier cutput. Minimum output may not necessarily occur at the center of the scale due to stray circuit capacities etc. Mex's unbalance the PM control a slight amount to give about one fourth the maximum output and peak 12 through L5 again. Now adjust both carrier controls again for minimum carrier output. It will probably be found that the carrier controls will null at slightly different settings than those obtained previously. Turn the PM control completely clockwise and see if the crystal remains in oscillation. Unbalancing this control places an additional load on the oscillator and may pull it out of oscillation. If this occurs, it will be necessary to vary the adjustment of Ll until reliable operation is assured.

When L2 (green) is mounted as close as possible to L1 (red), the RF voltage from the arms of the carrier pots to ground will be approximately equal when the carrier is balanced out. If desired, this may be checked with an RF vacuum tube voltmeter.

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It is possible to obtain an almost ripple-free pattern in one sideband at the expense of degradation of the other. Under this condition the suppression of the better sideband will be about 45 db., while the other is only 35 db. down. The object is to have them both equal, approximately 40 db, down.

If a deep modulation ripple is noticed on both sideband positions (with carrier balanced out), one side of the audio phase shift circuit is probably operating improperly. Check the Audio Balance controls adjustment, the 12AT7 (B) modulator tube, sideband switching circuit, or the phase shift network.

After the alignment has been completed, be sure to tighten the #6 lock-nuts on the iron core slugs.



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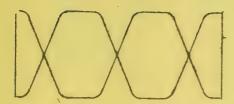
SSB Signal, Tone Input

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- Improper AF balance (R18-15A)
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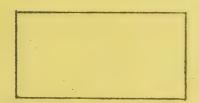
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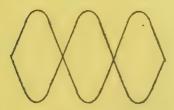
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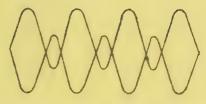


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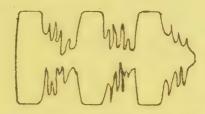


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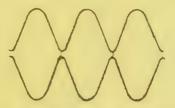
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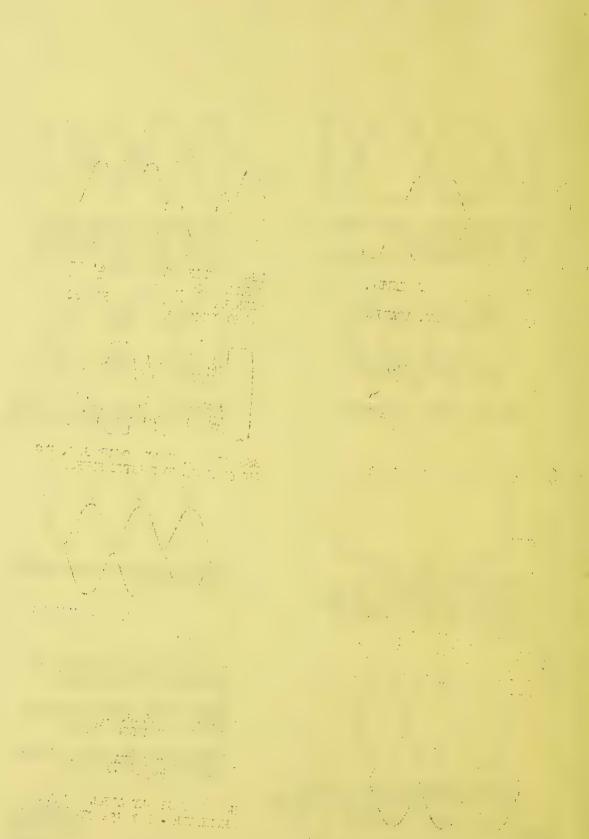
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FOR ADDITIONAL REFERENCE THE FOLLOWING IS RECOMMENDED:

SUGAR COATED LINEAR AMPLIFIER THEORY - OCTOBER '51 QST

HOW TO TEST AND ALIGN A LINEAR AMPLIFIER - MAY 152 QST

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AUDIO BALANCE

Adjust for minimum unwanted sideband ripple with 1225

cycle tone input. Adjust same as above.

AUDIO BALANCE

PM control unbalanced to give Adjust for max output with 9000 kc. FILTER nearly full output. 5. BLUE

Use XTAL at approx. 5150 kg. or 3850 kc. Adjust for min-

7. YELLOW 15 mc. TRAP



mixer and amp tuned for max

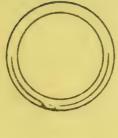
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6. ORANGE 15.9 mc. TRAP Adjust in same manner as yellow trap.

2. GREEN 90° RF PHASE SHIFT

to give nearly full cutput. Afterward, adjust for equal with PM control unbalanced sideband suppression with audio osc to mic input. Peak for max output 5000 kc.

> operation. PM control sure reliable crystal then back off to in-Peak for max output

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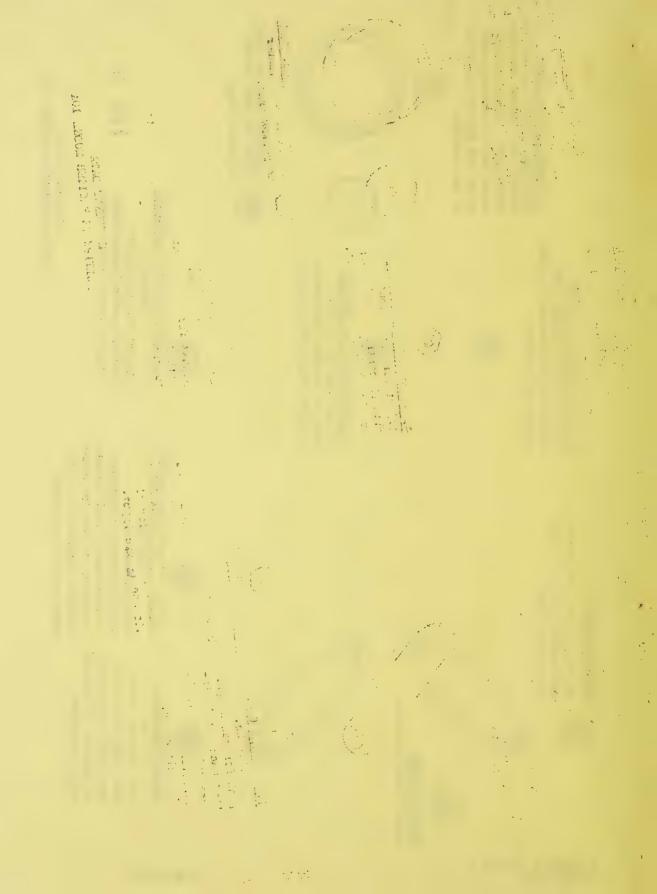
MULTIPHASE EXCITER MODEL 10A ALIGNMENT DATA

Alignment of 2/2/53 Mod. 10A

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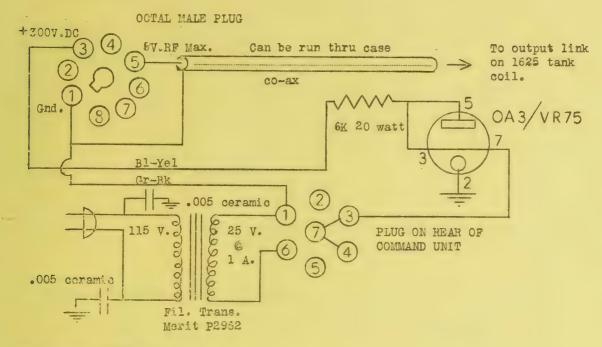
1. RED XTAL OSC.

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MODIFYING THE BC-457, 458 and 459 AS A VFO FOR THE MODEL 10A MULTIPHASE EXCITER

EXTERNAL CONNECTIONS



INTERMAL CHANGES

The contacts on K53 relay should be closed by jumpers or a wedge in the armature. This applies B plus to the oscillator and also completes the cathode to ground circuit on the 1625 stage. The cathode lead of the paralleled 1625 should be opened to reduce the current drain. Only one 1625 is necessary for proper operation.

The leads going to pin #8 of the eye tube VT-138 should be disconnected. The antenna leading coil and antenna relay are not used, and can be removed. The co-ax cable to the 10A exciter can be attached directly to the output link of the 1625 final tank coil.

Plate voltage for the VFO is supplied by the 10A exciter through an octal socket on the rear. The MF input to the mixer in the exciter also appears on this socket. It is suggested that the filament transformer, VR75 and its drouping resistor be mounted on a shelf or a chassis attached to the rear of the command unit.

The electrical connections for the external wiring are shown above.

The antenna coupling adjustment on the command unit should be advanced to the point where additional coupling will not increase the exciter output.

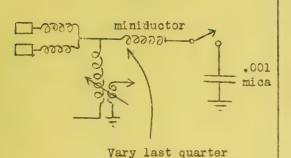
Ever injection to the mixer will generate harmonics of the VFO frequency that can appear in the output as spurious radiation. For 14 mc. operation with a BC-457 a point of critical coupling can be found that will cancel the 3rd harmonic output from the mixer.

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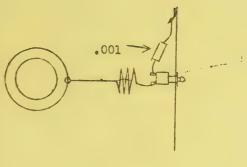
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MODIFICATION KIT #40BC457 CR #40BC458 PARTS LIST.

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- 1 -- Mounting plate (Drilled as per drawing on page ELEVEN)
- 1 -- Miniductor cut to size.
- 4 -- Rubber feet.
- 4 -- Sheet metal screws for mounting feet.
- 1 -- Bristol wrench.
- 1 -- .001 mica 500 volt.
- 1 -- S.P.S.T. toggle switch, washer and nut.
- 4 -- (each) #4-40 Screws, nuts and lockwashers.
- 1 -- Soldering lug.

NOTE: Kit number must be specified when ordering.

PRICE per kit (postpaid) \$1.50

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MULTI-BAND OPERATION OF THE MULTIPHASE EXCITER MODEL 10A

The following chart indicates the injection frequencies required with the 9 mc. master oscillator.

CUMPUT FREQUENCY	INJECTION FREQUENCY
1800 kc.	7200 kc.* or 10800 kc.
2000 kc.	7000 kc.* or 11000 kc.
3500 kc.	5500 kc.* or 12500 kc. 5200 kc.* or 12800 kc.
4000 kc.	5000 kc.* or 13000 kc.
7000 kc.	16000 kc. or 5333.3 X 3 kc.
7200 kc.	16200 kc. or 5400 X 3 kc.
7300 kc.	16300 kc. or 5433.3 X 3 kc.
14000 kc.	5000 ke.* or 23000 kc.
14200 kc.	5200 ke.* or 23200 kc.
14300 kc.	5300 ke.* or 23300 kc.
21000 kc.	12000 kc. or 30000 kc.
21450 kc.	12450 kc. or 30450 kc.
28000 kc.	37000 kc.
28500 kc.	37500 kc.
29700 kc.	38700 kc.

^{*} Injection at these frequencies may be obtained from crystals plugged into the front panel socket.

NOVICE OR C.W. OPERATION ONLY

Break-in CW may be used on the 160, 80 and 40 meter bands with direct frequency crystals. Turn the speech level control OFF, and remove the 9000 kc. crystal. Then plug the 160, 80 or 40 meter crystal into the socket on the front panel and tune the controls to frequency.

Frequency multiplication may be used only when the exciter feeds a high "6" antenna tuner or power amplifier stage, due to probable radiation of sub-multiple frequencies. It is possible to obtain 80 meter output from 150 meter crystals, 40 meter output from 80 meter crystals, and 20 meter output from 7 mc. or 4.7 mg. crystals

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10A PRELIMINARY ALIGNMENT INSTRUCTIONS

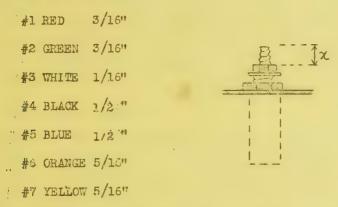
THE FOLLOWING IS RECOMMENDED FOR UNITS CONSTRUCTED FROM KITS

Check for "B" shorts with an ohmmeter before power is applied.

Before plate voltage is applied, the 6AG7 grid bias should be checked. This should be done by removing the 5U4G rectifier tube. With the relay in the normal position, the reading at Pin #4 of the 6AG7 should be -100V DC plus or minus 10% measured with a VTVM. When the relay is operated by hand, there should be approx. -11V DC at this point. After the 5U4G is inserted, the operating bias should be -10.5V DC obtained from the voltage divider R47 and R48.

Insert the 5U4G rectifier and apply power. Check "B" voltages in accordance with the chart on the circuit diagram, with the OPERATION switch on MANUAL.

Preliminary rough alignment of the slug-tuned coils: If a grid dipper is available the coils should be aligned to the frequencies indicated on the Alignment Data Chart, Fig. B. If no dipper is available they should be set as follows REFORE FOWER IS APPLIED:



The Audio Balance controls should be set in approximately mid-position.

Proceed with the General Alignment Instructions.

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Adjustment of L6 and L7. These trap circuits need be adjusted only when 20 meter operation is contemplated. Their purpose is to reduce radiation of the third harmonic generated in the mixer of the heterodyning crystal oscillator or VFO operating in the range of 5000 to 5350 kc. With the 20 meter coils in place, the SPMECH LEVEL turned off, carrier balanced out, and OPERATION control in the manual position, it will be possible to find output with an oscilloscope or receiver when the MIXER and AMPLIFIER are tuned to approx. 15 mc. Adjust these tuning controls for maximum output using a crystal or VFO at approx. 5150 kc. If no crystal is available in this range, one at approx. 3850 kc. will provide enough 4th harmonic output for alignment of the traps. When a crystal is used, L7 should be tuned for minimum 15,450 kc. output. When a VFO is used, only L6 will provide a null at 15.9 mc.

The VFO output should be advanced up to the point where additional coupling will not increase the exciter output. Over-injection to the mixer will generate harmonics of the VFO frequency that can appear in the output as spurious radiation.

Although the 3rd harmonic output may be only a few percent of the total, it will be amplified by the Mixer and Amplifier stages resulting in a sizeable output. With the trap circuits properly aligned, the power output at 15 mc. will be less than 10% of that normally produced at 14 mc., even though the Mixer and Amplifier are tuned to 15 mc. When the Mixer and Amplifier are peaked on 14 mc., the 15 mc. signal will be down in excess of 50 db. This is adequate rejection when the exciter alone is used to feed an antenna. The addition of a properly tuned linear amplifier stage will increase the rejection of 15 mc. to at least 70 to 80 db. down.

SIDEBAND SUPRESSION ADJUSTMENT

Before proceeding with the Single Sideband adjustments, it is recommended that the operator familiarize himself with the illustrations of the oscilloscope patterns shown in this manual. The ultimate objective in the single sideband alignment is to obtain a pattern containing a minimum amount of ripple when a pure sine wave is applied to the microphone input. These adjustments should preferably be made at less than full output, to prevent amplifier overloading, which might "wipe off" the small modulation ripple.

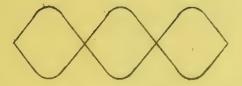
A low distortion audio oscillator (less than 1%) set to approx. 1,225 cycles, with an output level between .005 and .05 volts should be connected to the microphone jack. CAUTION: If a voltage in excess of .075 is applied to the Mic. input the speech amplifier will overload and it will be impossible to adjust the exciter properly.

Adjust both CARKIER pots for minimum carrier output. Advance the SPEECH LEVEL control until about half of maximum output is obtained on the oscilloscope. At this point a fair amount of ripple will be observed on the output wave. Adjust the Audio Balance controls for MINIMUM ripple. Now switch from Sideband 1 to Sideband 2 and observe the ripple in each. If the amount of ripple is not equal, vary the adjustment slightly on L2 until the displays are identical in either sideband position. However, each time L2 is tuned, it will be necessary to rebalance both carrier controls for minimum. It will also be necessary to readjust the Audio Balance controls again.

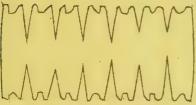
It is possible to make these sideband suppression adjustments using a receiver in place of an oscilloscope. Turn the AVC on, the BFO off, and remove the antenna to prevent receiver overload. Now tune in the signal. Minimum modulation heard in the loudspeaker corresponds to minimum modulation of the R.F. envelope. Adjust as described in the previous paragraph.

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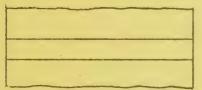
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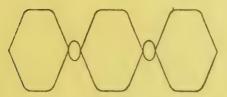
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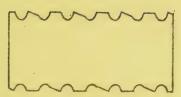
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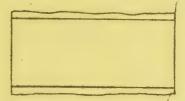
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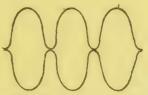
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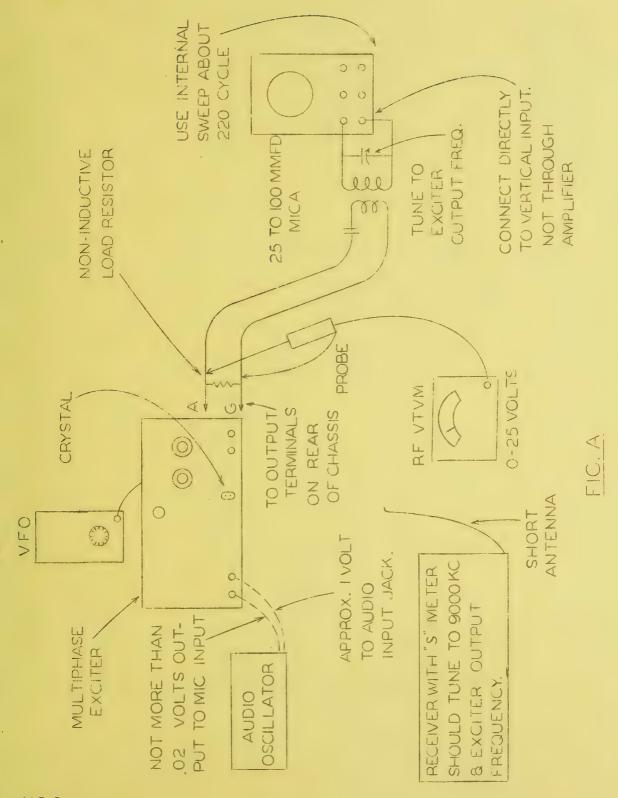


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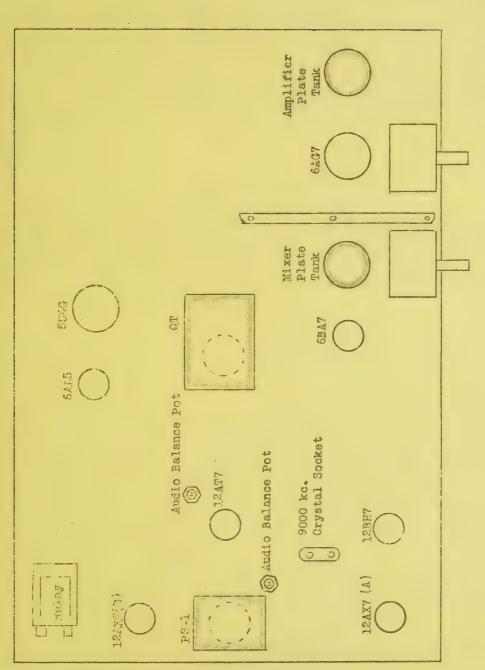




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USING THE BC-457 FOR 80, 40 AND 20 METER OPERATION

The use of a 1.7 to 2 mc. crystal or VFO for 40 meter operation is not recommended. A fourth harmonic of the injection frequency would be generated in the mixer stage and appear in the mixer output.

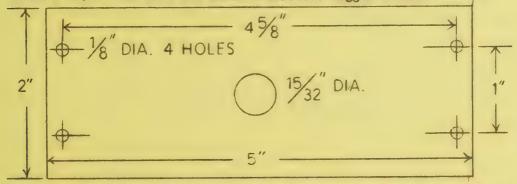
If the band-setting capacitors of the BC-457 are decreased in capacity / to extend the oscillator tuning range to 5433 kc., the 1625 stage may then / be operated as a frequency tripler in the range of 16 to 16.3 mc. by switching in a parallel plate inductor.

Use of the BC-457 for this purpose will alter the original frequency calibration. For those who prefer to retain the original dial calibration and utilize higher oscillator circuit capacity, the use of a BC-458 (5.3 to 7 mc.) is recommended.

MODIFICATION

The changes listed on page TEN should be made first.

- · 1. Remove the antenna loading assembly and window.
 - 2. Cut a metal plate 2 X 5 inches and drill to mount in the four front panel holes that previously held the rotary coil. In the center of this plate drill a 15/32 inch hole and mount a S.P.S.T. toggle switch.



- 3. Drill four holes in the bottom plate of the unit, about 1 inch in from each corner, and mount four rubber feet to reduce mechanical shock. As an alternative the unit may be set on a sponge rubber pad.
- 4. Prepare a coil of approx. .375 wh. (5 turns, 1" dia. spaced 8 turns per inch, B&W miniductor #3014) with a 3/4 inch lead on one end and a 2 1/2 inch lead on the other. Then cut one polystyrene bar at the long end so that the last quarter turn of the coil may be varied as a means of trimming the inductance.
- 5. Solder a .001 mica capacitor from one terminal of the toggle switch to a ground lug on one of the screws that mount the metal plate. Solder the short end of the miniductor to the other switch terminal. Solder the long lead of the miniductor to the top terminal of the ceramic form, at the junction of the 1625 plate parasitic suppressors.

A circuit diagram of this modification appears on the following page with a parts list of a modification kit offered by CENTRAL ELECTRONICS, INC.

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ALIGNMENT INSTRUCTIONS

CAUTION: Do not alter original adjustment of two variable iron core slugs.

Plug the VFO into the rear of the Multiphase Exciter. Place the parallel inductor switch in the off (open) position. Set your receiver to 7300 kc. with BFO on.

Adjust exciter dials to approximately 7.2 mc. with the 40 meter coils in place and insert carrier with the Operation switch in MANUAL.

Set the dial of the BC-457 about 1/4 inch past the 5.3 mc. mark. The frequency of the unit is varied by turning the oscillator capacitor which is located in the shield can on top of the unit. Sufficient variation of this capacitor may be obtained by loosening the binder head set screw accessible through a 7/16 inch hole on the right side of the can. Move the oscillator capacitor arm to minimum capacity. (Completely counterclockwise) At this time the VFO signal should be heard in the receiver. If it is not, adjust the small trimmer accessible through the top of the oscillator can until it is.

The amplifier capacitor which is located underneath the chassis is adjusted in the same manner as the above. Peak this capacitor to the oscillator frequency by using the OA3/VR75 as an indicator. Adjust for maximum brilliance.

Now switch in the parallel inductor and vary the spacing of the last quarter turn until maximum output is obtained. (Maximum exciter output or maximum brilliance on the VR tube.) <u>CAUTION</u>: Plate voltage is present on coil.

The kit for this modification is #40BC457.

NOTE: If so desired, 7300 kc. may be made to tune at the 5.3 mc. mark on the unit dial by removing the shield can and loosening the bristol set screw to obtain greater variation in the oscillator capacitor. If this is done the same procedure may be necessary on the amplifier capacitor.

USING THE BC-458 FOR 40 METER OPERATION

In this unit the amplifier stage is also operated as a frequency tripler in the range of 16 to 16.3 mc. by switching in a parallel inductor.

It may also be used for operating in the range of approximately 14230 kc. and up without affecting the dial calibration. In this case, 14.3 mc. will occur at 5.3 on the dial, and the rest of the band in the portion below this calibration. It will probably be possible to reach 14200 kc. by merely adjusting the trimmer in the top of the oscillator can. If this does not quite reach, it may be necessary to move the arm on the oscillator and amplifier capacitors slightly clockwise. These changes will affect the calibration a trifle.

The parallel plate inductor for this purpose consists of three turns of #3014 P&W miniductor (8 turns per inch). Break the polystyrene strip so that the last quarter turn may be varied to trim the inductance.

The kit for this modification is #40BC458.

USING THE BC-458 FOR 80, 40 AND 20 METER OPERATION

This conversion is similar to that of the BC-457. In this case the oscillator and amplifier capacitors must be set so that the circuits reach 5000 kc. With the dial set at 5300 kc. It may be necessary to loosen the bristol set screws to obtain this result. This is the most desirable unit to use, inasmuch as the oscillator circuit is operating with nearly full capacity for all three bands.

The kit for this modification is #40BC458.

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